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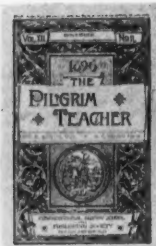
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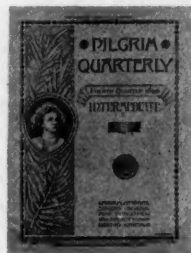
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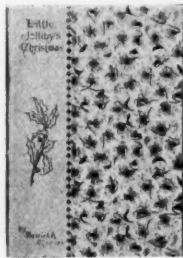
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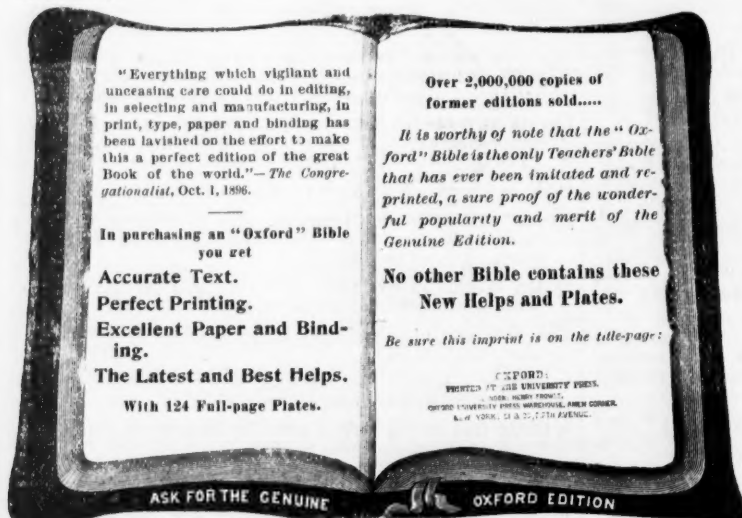
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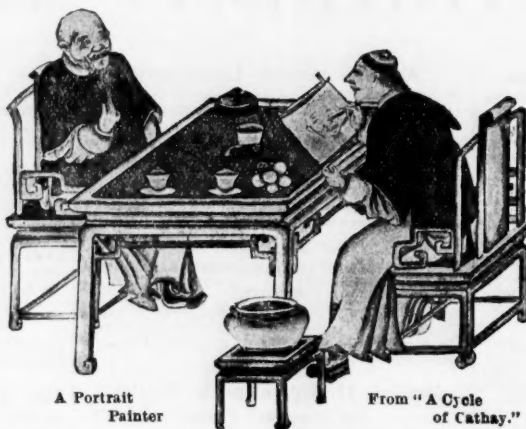
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IAN MACLAREN made his first visit to Boston last week and received as hearty a welcome as any man from over the ocean has had here for many years. Four times Tremont Temple was filled to hear him. Last Saturday night, notwithstanding a heavy rain, every seat was occupied in the great auditorium, and he could not have wished for a more responsive audience. His hearers evidently knew the characters he had created in the Bonnie Brier Bush and Auld Lang Syne, and they were delighted by the humor and moved by the pathos with which he reintroduced to them the children of his brain and heart. He said that he had been told that Boston was different from other cities, but the one difference he had most noted was that he had here found the most cordial reception given to him in America. The Old South Church would have been more than twice crowded by the people who came to hear him preach last Sunday morning, and those who were so fortunate as to get inside of the building had their expectations fully met. He has spoken to what is best in us and has had a response in kind. We esteem more highly and think more kindly of our fellowmen because he has been with us, and in helping us to greater love for men he has brought us nearer to God. A true minister of Jesus Christ is Rev. John Watson, D. D., and a rare interpreter of human life is Ian MacLaren. The two together make a noble man whom Boston has delighted to honor.

Among the elements which have combined to make the life of Dr. Storrs a life of intellectual and spiritual leadership, his well known lectures upon Preaching Without Notes, given before the students of Union Seminary in 1875 and afterwards gathered in a book, must not be overlooked. The lectures themselves were so apt an illustration of the theme which they considered and of the possibilities of the method which they advocated, and the pulpit practice of the speaker was so inspiring, that those who heard him were emboldened to rid themselves of the restraint of the manuscript and to venture upon the well-considered freedom to which the lecturer showed the way. If the book is not as stimulating as the lectures themselves proved to those who heard them, it has its own power of deliberate impression, and has been influential already with more than twenty classes of theological students in our seminaries. It has, indeed, been one of the efficient causes in that change of pulpit style which has made our church services more pleasing and effective. Nor would it be fair to hold the author responsible for the occasional misuse of the method by shallow brains. As he developed and illustrated it by his own experience it was no easy road to success, but rather the most effective method of applying studies which might be as laborious and far-reaching as the circumstances of the preacher would allow. The cautions of the book are as wise as its incentives to free speaking.

A judge died a few days ago whose duties as servant of the nation had compelled him to decree sentence of death upon no less than 160 desperate characters of the Southwest. We have recently called attention to the policeman and his virtues. It is equally necessary for society to bear in mind the temptations, burdens and sorrows of those whom it selects to dispense justice. Have you ever thought what it means for a sensitive, honorable judge to say to a man, however brutal or guilty, "Thou must die," or, "Thou must be imprisoned for life," even though the judge be simply the instrument recording the verdict of the jury, and society?

Among the 5,482 Congregational churches in the United States, 1,395 received no accessions last year on confession of faith. This statement has been oft repeated of late as an evidence that present methods of church work are inadequate and that other methods should be adopted. There is, no doubt, ground for argument in these figures, but it should be qualified by the fact that many of these churches live only in name; in several instances only one or two members remain, and a large number of these churches probably hold no meetings. For example, the Year-Book gives for Nebraska 191 churches, twenty eight of which have fifteen resident members or less. Washington has 118 churches, with thirty-six having not more than fifteen members each. California has 204 churches, forty-eight of which have an average of about seven and a half members each. It would be absurd to suggest that such churches might flourish if they would adopt institutional methods. Some of them no doubt could be brought to life through the labors of evangelists. Some of them have no reason to claim continued existence. But the facts suggest also that State organizations of churches ought to dispose of their dead bodies by taking them off their rolls. This suggestion applies no less to the records of other denominations than to Congregationalists.

Prof. George Adam Smith's speech at the opening of the Free Church Divinity College, Glasgow, Oct. 21, deserves attention for two reasons. First, because of its suggestions suitable for the consideration of those who are charged with the duty of administering theological schools out of Scotland as well as in it, and, second, because of its references to the divinity schools of this country. He believes that three great changes have made a reorganization of divinity school curricula imperative. To quote his own words:

First, the university curriculum has been reorganized; second, methods of teaching theology have altered; third, the increasing complexity of life has bred large developments in the practical work of the church. These changes suggest, if they do not enforce, on the one hand the reorganization and enlarged equipment of the scientific side of divinity school discipline, and, on the other, a courageous treatment of the question whether they should continue to force or attempt to force all candidates for the ministry through

one and the same curriculum; whether they should not begin to inquire how far, if at all, the needs of the practical ministry would justify them in relieving some of their men from that study of the dead languages through which they dragged their willing but faint spirits.

Whither shall the Scotch Presbyterians turn for practical suggestions? "To the United States," answers Professor Smith.

While in Glasgow our rich men are not slow to give to the practical ministry, and churches and missions are subscribed for with rapidity, there is an ominous indifference to the needs of theological discipline which contrasts with the state of feeling which prevailed at the Reformation or even so recently as the foundation of the Free Church colleges in Scotland. In America this is not so. Wealthy Christians, both men and women, have been impressed by the increased need for an educated ministry, or they have been fascinated by the new fields of research opened up in Semitic or early Christian history, or in the comparative history of religions, and they have lavishly endowed not only new chairs, museums and libraries, but expeditions of research and exploration.

THE BIBLE AND ITS INTERPRETERS.

Several ministers in Brooklyn are preaching series of sermons on the Bible. From newspaper reports one would infer that they present sharp contrasts of opinion concerning its nature and authority. Dr. McConnell, an Episcopal clergyman, said that fifty years ago the belief was general in the universality of the flood, but "today it would be difficult to find any one who believes in it." Yet not far away that same day a Presbyterian minister was affirming his belief in every statement of the Bible as literal fact and declaring, "When faith in its divine inerrancy is abandoned there is no stopping place short of infidelity." Dr. Abbott said, "An infallible book is an impossible conception." Rev. G. H. Horne told his people, "Men must have an infallible book or die in darkness and despair." He mentioned Dr. Abbott and Prof. Henry Drummond by name, and charged them with misleading unstable souls by their delusions, hurling against them Paul's anathema, "Let him be accursed." Dr. Abbott says that Moses did not write the Pentateuch as we now have it, and that the Old Testament contains legends and epic poetry written as history. Dr. Fox declared that Christ said Moses wrote the Pentateuch and thus forever settled the question. Mr. Moody said: "As for a minister who does not believe in all of the Bible, I don't think he is worth a snap of my fingers. . . . I tell you, my friends, when you cut out the tale of Jonah you have got to cut out God." Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall is preaching a series of seven sermons on *The Spiritual Use of the Bible*, of which he says: "The glory and majesty of the Holy Scriptures are unveiled by the Holy Spirit to whosoever will, with a reverent and docile mind, approach the oracles of God." In this statement all those whom we have quoted would agree. But their utterances illustrate apparently divergent views concerning the human element in the origin of the Bible held by prominent Christian teachers, which are widely spread before the people. They probably reflect much current popular discussion. It will be well for those who engage in it to bear certain facts in mind which we proceed to mention.

The questions at issue between these brethren are not of chief importance. Men are most concerned to know, not what means and men God used to give to mankind the revelation of himself, but what that revelation is. Its divine character and

authority are attested, not by the men who wrote the Old Testament—many of the authors being unknown—but by its power over men's hearts and consciences, and its answers to their greatest needs. By those who seek God his voice is heard and recognized in the Holy Scriptures. They are made the most precious literature in the world, not through what we know of their history, but because they are able to make us "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." No honest man who seeks from the Scriptures light on the way to God need fail to see it.

The Bible will stand the keenest scrutiny and will be the more valuable to the world because of it. Its worth above all other books is demonstrated in history in the supremacy of the nations which have received it as from God, and in the lives of the millions to whom it has spoken and is speaking with an authority which their consciences and faith recognize beyond question.

These preachers belong to evangelical denominations in fellowship with one another. All the beliefs they represent concerning the Bible are held by accredited teachers in each of their denominations. No one can be excluded for holding any of these views. It is, therefore, not wise for any of them to denounce in public those brethren from whom they differ.

All these ministers, presumably, seek the spiritual welfare of their congregations. They know that they can gain nothing by weakening the authority of the Bible over their hearers, or by claiming for it authority which cannot be maintained. In its pages they must find the substance of their message to men, and if they do not find it there they cannot claim to have been sent to preach the gospel. They have, therefore, it is fair to presume, one and the same motive in their treatment of the Bible—to lead their hearers to see Christ in it as the Son of God and to transform them into his likeness. When their opinions differ, we may not reject any of them because the characters and motives of the teachers are unworthy.

But whatever their views concerning the infallibility of the Bible, they do not claim that they themselves are infallible. They appeal, therefore, to the judgment of their hearers. They seek to inform and instruct them, but not to compel assent to what their reason rejects. Occasionally, perhaps, some of these teachers for a moment forget their mission, as when one of them said: "Can our reason determine what is true in the Bible and what is not true? If so, whose reason shall we follow?"—while he was demonstrating to the reason of his hearers that the whole Bible is true. But ministers, as a rule, urge men to follow the example of the noble Bereans, who "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Mr. Moody said, earnestly, "Get a Bible and read and study it. Then you will be able to judge for yourself." Most preachers do not insist on the adoption of their own views of the Bible, but they all plead with their hearers to study it for themselves.

It is easier to make assertions concerning the infallibility or the origin of the Bible than to prove them. But what are claimed to be the main results of recent Biblical criticism are now published in popular form so that the ordinary student of the Bible can judge whether or not they are true. No sensible person will accept or re-

ject them without examination. And they so much affect the meaning of many things in the Bible that those who seek to know its message will welcome whatever new light is thrown on it by these researches.

These brethren with divergent views about the ways in which the Bible came to us, but with a common faith that it brings to us the supreme revelation of God's character and will, and a common purpose to be like him who is there revealed and to make others like him, are not as far apart as they seem. Some of the questions they are discussing, if not already settled, will be through the efforts of reverent scholarship, but never through contradiction and denunciation. Concerning those unsettled we all have the right of private judgment. Let us not permit our confidence in the truth to be shaken. Let us trust God, study his Word and show its power in our lives. We may not be able to settle fully the ways in which the Scriptures were composed, but "if any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching."

BACK FROM REALISM.

The presence of Rev. Dr. John Watson—Ian Maclaren—among us and the deserved popularity of his writings afford a pleasant reminder of the evident tendency in the reading world to turn back from the excessive realism which has had such favor of late to a certain idealism. We believe this to be a salutary tendency. The minute study and detailed, photographic portrayal of a subject are not to be wholly condemned, but their outcome has not always proved the most admirable. They tempt to the choice of subjects easiest to be thus handled, and these ordinarily are not the most inspiring. They tend also to exalt method above results, and method really is only a means, not the end itself.

Of course there is realism and realism. The lack of it, in the sense of failure to comprehend and portray the distinctive features of a scene or the special characteristics of an individual, is fatal to an author's success. To leave the impression of having written about something insufficiently understood dooms one's work. But we never actually notice all the small details of either a landscape or a character. The attempt to represent them therefore goes beyond the truth which we know and in a degree becomes unreal because of its very fidelity. The true realism depicts faithfully what we see, not what we have reason to believe we might discover by unusual examination. Moreover, no accuracy of portrayal can render a disagreeable subject inviting, but rather the reverse. Mr. Howells illustrates this sort of realism conspicuously, and Zola's work is an even more notable and far more objectionable example of it. It may be important to describe a dunghill or a profligate, but it is neither wholesome nor artistic to picture the offensiveness of either needlessly and exhaustively.

So there is idealism and idealism. Many of the earlier novelists—Scott, for instance—gave too loose reign to the fancy. Their descriptions were so largely imaginary that their modern readers are conscious of an inadequacy, if not of an inaccuracy, in the portraits which they drew. They exaggerated boldly. But the idealism of the best modern authors of their class, of whom Dr. Watson himself is a fine illustration, avoids this error successfully. It disregards ex-

cessive particularity as to items in order to secure it as to outlines, atmospheres and coloring. It suggests more often than it defines and details. It emphasizes the nobler rather than the baser qualities and aspects of humanity, dealing with even the shadows in its pictures in a large and free, instead of a petty, manner.

This is morally useful and the return to it is commendable. It is better to win admiration for ability to interpret and sympathize with underlying principles and essential traits than for skill in mechanical delineation of comparative trifles. It is better to take broad views of life than narrow ones. It is better to appeal to and inspire the higher nature than to look for approval to the lower. The attention which has been given to realism in literature doubtless has had valuable results, but the return towards an intelligent idealism is to be welcomed heartily.

THE BOOK OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

We give liberal space this week to comments upon more than a hundred books put forth by various publishing houses of the country and we think it equally fitting and profitable to our readers to call attention to a book which *The Congregationalist* itself is just issuing. It is not a mercantile venture but is designed to gather up and preserve in permanent and beautiful form the fruits of the pilgrimage of last summer, whose influence in strengthening religious and national ties between England and America has been widely recognized.

It will be seen by referring to the announcement in our advertising columns that the price of this book will be advanced on the day of publication, Dec. 9, from \$2.25 to \$3.00 (postpaid). Our readers who wish to avail themselves of the lower figure should send their subscription without delay. It has been suggested that every public library ought to have a copy of this important book. It should certainly find a place in church libraries. A loyal Congregationalist in every town and city and in every church should see to it that this record of an event of such international importance to his denomination is presented to the libraries in which he has a local interest. The book will be widely read if placed within reach of the public.

Aside from its denominational interest *The Book of the Pilgrimage* is a charming record of travel through southern England and Holland. The text is accompanied by more than 150 illustrations. The localities of pilgrim interest were photographed expressly for us by the well-known artist, Clifton Johnson, whose illustrated edition of Ian MacLaren's stories just published has attracted such wide attention. There are about seventy portraits in the volume, and a special feature is the interesting collection of facsimile autographs—more than 100 in number. Some of the pictures, from private collections, and reproduced by special permission, are of unique interest.

The title-page, frontispiece and fins are from designs by Ipsen, who also furnished the initial letter for each chapter. These initials are one of the most attractive features of the book. With each one is incorporated a characteristic sketch which has local significance and illustrative value. The volume is a sumptuous quarto, printed on enameled paper, with wide margins, uncut edges and is bound in white parchment paper. The edition is necessarily a limited

one as the book is printed from type, hence the advance in price, announced some weeks since, and to take effect Dec. 9. The near approach of Forefathers' Day and of Christmas make the book particularly timely, both as a valuable addition to existing volumes touching our spiritual fathers and as a choice gift from friend to friend.

RELIGIOUS READING.

This includes not merely the Bible and strictly devotional books, but any literature which tends directly to enrich the spiritual life. It consists in large part of volumes of devout meditations, religious poetry and the biographies of persons eminent for saintly living. It often is said that the habit of religious reading is dying out, and undoubtedly many individuals, even among professed Christians, neglect it. But the very large sales of such publications afford strong evidence to the contrary.

There still is a vast demand for such reading and a deep interest in it. But its character has changed somewhat during the last half-century, especially in the department of biography. Many once popular volumes of this class now are never read because of their unnaturalness. It is recognized more than formerly that there must be genuine manliness or womanliness as truly as piety in any character if it is to exert a useful spiritual influence.

But it is well understood that religious reading promotes both self-knowledge and knowledge of God. It is an aid to holy reflection. It prompts to intelligent prayer. It opens the soul's eyes to the way of duty. It quickens and enlarges the whole spiritual nature. It encourages us by informing us of the victories of divine truth in the hearts of others and in the world at large.

The best books and journals for religious reading are not always those which deal exclusively with distinctively sacred subjects. We live in a world of manifold thought and action and the highest type of religion takes this into account. Those publications which look at Christianity in its actual relations with mankind, which aim to help living people to learn and do God's will in common life, are usually the most helpful as well as the most enjoyable. But once in a while some book of old-world pious meditation, some actually mediæval record of religious mental processes or efforts, is found inspiring. Whatever by actual use brings Christ close is good for the soul.

CURRENT HISTORY.

Thanksgiving Day, at Home and Abroad.

The exhortations from the pulpit on Thanksgiving Day were both jubilant and solemn. Gratitude for past blessings very properly was dominant, but warning against individual and corporate sins was given its proper share in the prophetic message. In too many cities and towns athletic sports challenged and won the absorbing devotion of the populace, and everywhere there was far less formal compliance with the spirit of the day than there used to be. But charity abounded, and the fortunate did much for the unfortunate, a sign perhaps of the era in which ethics has displaced metaphysics and altruism has to some extent supplanted devotion to and worship of a personal God. President Cleveland obeyed the spirit and letter of his own proclamation, and attended divine worship in a Presbyterian church.

Canada joined with us in celebrating on the same day, and in all the great European capitals our loyal citizens and official representatives sat down to elaborate dinners and listened to appropriate and inspiring speeches. Mr. Bayard, our ambassador to Great Britain, was the guest of Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle, the venerable ruler doubtless taking this graceful way of showing her thanksgiving with us at the peaceful settlement of Anglo-American disputes. The dinner in Paris was chiefly one of American university graduates, and was graced by the presence of eminent French and German scholars. Much was done to cement the ties between American students and French educational institutions.

The American Flag in Turkey.

Our Department of State apparently has begun to feel the lash of criticism, for it has put forth the following statement:

The State Department authorizes the statement that the assertion made by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin that American women in Haskeli fled from massacre, not finding protection under the American flag, is an entire mistake; that the flag was neither furled nor insulted at that point, and that not an American man, woman or child was at Haskeli during the massacre. Equally unfounded is the statement recently made in Chickering Hall by Dr. Grace Kimball that only the English flag is respected in Turkey. During the massacre at Constantinople she hurried by other flags and found protection under her own flag and the escort of the American Consul-General. She passed through the streets where men were being killed by mobs, and went safely under our flag up the Bosphorus.

Through scenes of mob violence all over Turkey our flag and missionaries have been protected by Turkish troops. We have lost by incendiary fires but two places, both far in the interior—the value being much less than the claims of England, France and Italy for monks and priests killed, churches burned or houses pillaged, and for which no indemnity has been paid. Every peaceful American arrested or detained has been released on demand of the American minister.

The demonstrations of revolutionists in Turkey are now the chief danger so far as our missionaries are concerned, whose safety is not promoted by intemperate expressions of public opinion excited by appeals to sentiment regardless of facts.

To this Dr. Hamlin already has replied in a convincing way, and Miss Kimball doubtless also will. It is not a pleasant thing to say, but the State Department is forcing many citizens of this country into the position of disbelieving in its sympathy, its courage and the veracity of its representation at Constantinople. We unhesitatingly declare that as between the statements of American citizens long resident in Turkey, whose lives of self-sacrifice and nobility have won the admiration of all men of all nations, and the statements of Mr. Terrell, whose career in Constantinople has made us a laughing-stock and himself an object of contempt and pity, we accept the word of the missionaries. If Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney wish the unbiased opinion of a genuine American on their foreign policy, let them read Albert Shaw in the December *Review of Reviews*, who says: "The situation in the Turkish empire has demanded from our government the prompt and vigorous defense of American rights, and the protection of American interests. The appeal has been to dull ears if not to perverted sympathies."

NOTES.

President Cleveland, in selecting Princeton, N. J., as his permanent home, has chosen an environment which will prove congenial to one whose ancestors were Presbyterians.

The majority of the French Catholic clergy of Canada decline to accept the decision respecting Manitoba's schools as final, and the French Catholic members of the Laurier min-

istry are being denounced as traitors to the church.

Experiments made by Mr. Edison in Orange, and by others here in Boston, indicate that by the use of the X rays the blind are to be made to see; and physicists and anatomists are to be compelled to revise their theories as to the location of the sense of sight.

Senator Raines's attack on the New York Police Commissioners has proved to be a boomerang, giving them the opportunity to show that the loopholes in the law which Senator Raines drafted are responsible for most of the abuses that now exist.

The death of Coventry Patmore, the English poet, removes one who had much spiritual discernment and power of expression. He was more than "a laureate of the tea table," as *The Athenaeum* once dubbed him. Benjamin Apthorp Gould, who died last week, was one of the most eminent of our astronomers.

The czar, since his return to Russia, is said to have startled officialdom by his assumption of authority and disregard of precedent. Reports from several European capitals indicate that Russia still lies athwart any plan for concerted action with reference to Turkey, even negating France's latest plan for her financial rehabilitation.

General Weyler has returned to the army with which he is endeavoring to defeat Maceo, the rebel leader. Bourke Cochran and Charles A. Dana spoke at an indignation meeting in New York last week, at which the Administration was denounced for its failure to interfere with the Cuban war; and similar views are voiced in the December *Review of Reviews*.

It seems probable that the Dawes Commission may secure a settlement of the vexed problem of the future of the Indian Territory. Senator Dawes is now on the ground. A convention of the Five Tribes has met and decided that, under certain conditions, they will accept allotments and become citizens of the United States. Should the negotiations to follow be successful, Senator Dawes and his associates will have done a great service. He may yet be remembered with most gratitude for his service to his country at fourscore years and later.

New York State's superintendent of public instruction has just ruled that the Board of Education of West Troy has no right to lease rooms for a public school in a parochial school building, or to employ teachers, however competent, who wear the garb of a religious order. He says:

By the nature of the lease, by the wearing of distinctive garb, by the emblem (a cross) surmounting the building, by the inscription over the doorway, by the practical result that only the children of one particular faith attend this school, the conclusion is irresistible that the State, to all external intents and purposes, is maintaining a sectarian school therein at public expense. It was clearly the intent of this amendment to the organic law that this practice should be prohibited.

IN BRIEF.

Every one will rejoice in the deepening interest in the Fund for the Armenian Orphans. This week's list of givers is longer than either of the two preceding. The total already reached, \$3,821 65, means that hundreds of orphans in the desolated district will be at once housed, fed, clothed and cared for by our missionaries, who know how to make every dollar tell. We wish to gather before Christmas all special gifts designed for these orphans, and friends intending to contribute will please see that their money reaches this office not later than Dec. 22. We cannot undertake after that date to forward by cable the sums received. Checks may be made out simply to *The Congregationalist*. For this week's acknowledgments see page 878.

Bishop John H. Vincent, dear to all friends of Chautauqua, is just departing for South America, where he expects to spend the next six months looking after the interests of Methodist churches.

Miss Frances E. Willard is authority for the statement that Josiah Flint, whose articles in *The Atlantic* and *The Century* on the tramps of Germany and this country have attracted so much attention, is a nephew of hers, the son of her only brother.

A Roman Catholic newspaper devotes nearly an entire editorial page to an abusive editorial about *The Congregationalist*. Probably not a dozen of our readers ever see that paper, and few of its readers ever saw the article which roused the ire of our contemporary. *Cui bono?*

Do our eyes betray us? Can it really be? "When Christian Endeavorers pray for the Jews, the Turks and the Chinese Empire, they should not fail to remember the advocates of righteousness in the press, and the tired, perplexed, harassed and sometimes discouraged man in the editor's chair." This is an Englishman's exhortation. American editors, of course, do not need any such thoughtful sympathy.

In view of the fact that many secular newspapers have assumed that ministers are not qualified to discuss political and financial matters, it is a special satisfaction to note that Rev. J. N. Hallock, D. D., the editor of *Christian Work*, has won the fifty dollar prize offered by the *Brooklyn Eagle* for the best 500-word argument in favor of the gold standard. More than 300 essays were sent in, many from ablest writers on the subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook are boarding for the present in Newton Center. The distinguished invalid is somewhat better, though still far from well. His old passion for reading still burns within him, and the fact that he has read no less than 100 books since the first of last July is evidence that his intellectual faculties are still keen. We trust his present environment will prove favorable to more rapid improvement.

Bishop Galloway of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, whose address at the recent A. M. A. jubilee meeting will long be remembered by those who heard it, says that he is glad he was privileged to meet so many noble men then and there, and he adds this bit of truthful comment: "More social contact would help the sections of our country to see eye to eye on a greater variety of subjects. . . . Views would be less colored by provincialisms."

The *Transcript* thinks that its report of a verbal statement by Dr. Quint to the effect that the First Church of Christ, Scientist, was evangelical will be regarded as a decision which will have great weight in leading Congregational churches to give letters of dismission and recommendation to the aforesaid church. We think not. The opinion of Dr. Quint on that subject, written by his own dictation, which we printed last week, but which the *Transcript* passed unnoticed, will have greater weight.

The newly elected chief justice of Kansas has set forth his views concerning the ownership of property. He says, "The only law which the user of capital is bound to observe is that law which finds its origin, end and sanction in himself." This would seem to indicate that a borrower in Kansas is not regarded by the chief administrator of its laws as necessarily under obligation to pay his debts. The correlate of that deliverance naturally is that no one is under obligation to lend money where law is thus construed.

Many friends of Rev. J. W. Wellman, D. D., filled his pleasant home in Malden last Satur-

day to congratulate him on the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birthday. His former parishioners in Malden and from Newton were present in large numbers, and ministers and professors were abundant. The years sit lightly on the doctor and his wife, while to have such a group of children and grandchildren as were gathered there to rise up and call them blessed is enough to make the evening of life as enjoyable as it is beautiful.

The committee appointed by the Boston Ministers' Meeting to arrange for a public service to commemorate the life and work of Dr. A. H. Quint send out the following invitation:

Knowing that Dr. Quint's fellowships with other bodies, social and fraternal, were numerous, and that a host of individual friends would be glad to unite in such a service, the committee extends a hearty invitation to all friends interested to unite in a public memorial service at Park Street Church, Boston, Monday, Dec. 7, at 2.30 p. m. The speakers will be, Dr. J. W. Wellman, Hon. W. H. Hodgkins, Dr. Arthur Little, Dr. E. A. Horton, Dr. W. H. Ward of *The Independent* and Pres. W. J. Tucker, LL. D., of Dartmouth College.

The death of Dr. Quint has left many vacancies in denominational bodies which indicate how influential a position he occupied and how large a service he rendered. Some of these vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Rev. Dr. W. H. Davis of Newton on the provisional committee of the National Council, Rev. William H. Moore of Hartford on the international committee and Mr. Thomas Todd of Boston on the publishing committee. Applications for assistance from the Massachusetts Board of Ministerial Aid should hereafter be sent to Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, Room 9, Congregational House, Boston, who has been chosen a member of the board and chairman of the executive committee in place of Dr. Quint.

Col. T. W. Higginson, in the December *Atlantic*, mourns somewhat over the fact that a professor of political economy at Harvard recently asked who Charles Brockden Brown was; and that a Harvard Senior recently confessed that he never had heard of John Fiske. Colonel Higginson cites these incidents as proof of the fact that the day of universal scholarship is past, that the day of specialization is here, and that the last of the old-fashioned Cambridge scholars of whom one could ask a miscellaneous question with the prospect of answer has been seen. But what shall be said of the eminent Boston publisher who recently revealed that he never had read Ian Maclaren's *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush*? Does he specialize on the books he publishes?

Thanksgiving was made a bright day for the Armenian exiles in Boston through the kind forethought of such good friends as Mr. Gulesian, Dr. and Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Barrows and others. Nearly 200 sat down to a bountiful dinner, the company including beside the refugees prominent Armenian residents of the city and a number of Americans. The motto at one side of the hall, "We thank God for a land of freedom," expressed the sentiment of every guest, while those who cannot forget the recent past appreciated to the full the remark of one of the carvers, who said, as he flourished a big knife preparatory to an onslaught upon the bird of the occasion, that he was getting ready to help the Armenians present avenge themselves on Turkey. Among the after-dinner speakers were two doctors, a college professor and a clergyman—all of them exiles.

The remarkable character of Dr. Storrs's jubilee becomes all the more evident as we recede from it. Said Professor Park at Andover the other day, "I consider this the most wonderful demonstration of personal regard that has ever been manifested in this country." It would certainly be difficult to instance a

parallel case of recognition by all classes in a great city of the professional abilities and personal greatness of one of its ministerial citizens. No less significant is this sentence from Joseph H. Choate's address before the magnificent assemblage at the Academy of Music that wound up the week's festivities: "You may search the annals of American cities in vain for such a spectacle. You must go back to Venice, to Athens or Florence in their palmiest days to find such an exhibition of civic spirit and civic pride as Brooklyn shows tonight." A notable literary feature of the celebration, which ought not to escape attention, was the jubilee number of *The Pilgrim*, the monthly published by the branch of the Church of the Pilgrims and edited by Dr. Storrs's associate in that work, Rev. E. H. Byington. The number, with its white and gold cover, its many pictures, its special articles by Bishop Potter, President Gates, Dr. Clapp and prominent members of the Church of the Pilgrims, and its dignified and uplifting Jubilee Hymn written by Mr. Byington himself, will be among the choicest memorabilia of the jubilee, and reflects credit upon the editor, as well as upon the business manager, Mr. Erickson. It was in this monthly that the picture of Dr. Storrs which we printed last week first appeared.

STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM NEW YORK.

Our Congregational Club.

Its topic on the 23d was The Permanent Lessons of the (Political) Campaign, and the appointed speakers were Hon. James L. Blair of St. Louis and Hon. Everett P. Wheeler of this city. Mr. Blair drew his first lesson from the dense ignorance shown by many voters on the commonest financial questions and on the elementary principles of our Government. The decision of most important matters could not safely be left with people of that caliber. The second lesson was drawn from the excitability of the multitude, and the third was from the neglect of their duty by citizens who should vote but do not. A great lesson of the campaign is that we have proved that we are able to govern ourselves.

Mr. Wheeler considered the Bible the best guide to political foresight, and that one of the greatest sins of our people is the choosing of ignorant, incompetent, selfish men as legislators. A campaign of education he held to be a continual obligation, and the seeing, each man in his own district, that competent men be sent to Congress and the legislature should be made a matter of conscience. The difference between a wise man and a fool is that the wise man does not make the same mistake twice.

Brooklyn's Ditto.

The Brooklyn Club on the same evening, its president, Dr. J. B. Clark, in the chair, honored itself by keeping fully up to the line of the week's honors paid to Dr. Storrs. To Dr. Clark's fitting introduction, he replied with one of his felicitous speeches, concluding with a brief *résumé* of his reasons for loving Congregationalism, "because of his ancestral connection with it, his ministry in it, its primitive forms of worship, making it a church that gets back very close to the apostles and the Master, the inspiring activities of its membership, and because it is the body where ultimate unity of the church visible is to become possible."

When Dr. Storrs had left the club, affectionately invoking upon its members, "every one," Tiny Tim's blessing, the topic of the evening was taken up. Dr. H. L. Wayland spoke—aptly and forcibly, as he always speaks—on Democracy in the Churches, and Gen. Stewart L. Woodford followed, showing how large hearted a Brooklyn Episcopalian can be when speaking of the great underlying principles of the Pilgrim churches and the lifelong service of the pastor of the Church of the Pil-

grims. The audience was the largest ever seen at the club, and the occasion was most memorable.

The Clerical Union.

Our Clerical Union has had a series of unusually interesting and profitable meetings of late. Since the enthusiastic reports from attendants on the A. M. A. Jubilee Rev. Dr. Richards of Philadelphia has cheered his brethren with views that ought to be true and to be soon realized in their beginnings, on the Reunion of Christendom. Mr. W. R. George unfolded the character, aims and methods of his ingenious and original scheme, the George Junior Republic, described in *The Congregationalist* a few weeks ago, and which is one of the most wonderful enterprises in that line the world has ever seen. Rev. F. B. Richards, the pastoral assistant at the Broadway Tabernacle, spoke on Some Theological Bearings of the Study of Penology. And last week Prof. Francis Brown of Union Seminary let the brethren into some of the exoteric doctrines of the higher criticism. The term of Dr. Lysander Dickerman, the erudite Egyptian, having expired, Rev. W. T. McElveen, Ph. D., was last week chosen president of the union.

The Moody Meetings.

Beyond all question the interest in the Moody meetings deepens daily and larger crowds seek entrance to the Cooper Union Hall—many of them in vain. He has lengthened the series for a week or more beyond his original intention, and strong pressure is upon him from the city and neighborhood not to close the services while the interest continues, notwithstanding his engagements elsewhere. If possible, the friends of the work would hold him here until he goes to Boston for the Week of Prayer. The rapt attention and spiritual awakening evidently deeply stir his own soul, and all who know him best agree that he never did better service than he is doing now.

HUNTINGTON.

FROM THE INTERIOR.

Ministers' Meeting.

The paper Monday morning by Dr. Phillip Krohn on Probabilities in Theology was of rare merit. True, most of the brethren who heard it were disinclined to accept some of its positions, feeling as they did that hardly sufficient prominence was given to certainties in theology, but no one failed to recognize the ability of its author, or the justice of his conclusions if one starts from his premises. All felt that it was well that attention should be directed to the part which probability fills in the conduct of life, and to the fact that it is no more unreasonable to recognize it as a motive for action in matters of religion than in matters which relate to the practical affairs of this life.

The Club.

The meeting this month was a Thanksgiving meeting. The chief address was by President Eaton of Beloit on Looking Back and Looking Forward. It was a review of the way in which our institutions were developed among our English ancestors, as well as among Pilgrims and Puritans, and the expression of hope and confidence that the development which, thus far, has been so full of blessing will continue for centuries to come. Two brief speeches from Prof. H. M. Scott and S. S. Rogers, Esq., on the way in which Thanksgiving should be kept closed the literary exercises of the evening. It was ladies' night. The attendance was fairly good, about three hundred being present.

Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving Day in Chicago is noted for three things—charity, religious worship and football. Hospitals, eleemosynary institutions of all kinds and destitute families are always remembered with gifts of food, if with nothing else. Certain firms continue a practice inaugurated many years since of furnishing a dinner to the needy who will apply for it.

The churches are in the habit of hunting up the needy and distributing their charity personally, in a way to preserve the self-respect of the receiver and at the same time manifest a sympathizing Christian spirit.

Religious services, especially on a rainy day like last Thursday, are not often largely attended. The Third Presbyterian Church holds a service of praise from nine to ten in the morning, in which three churches unite. This brings together four or five hundred people. The First Congregational, the Union Park, Leavitt Street and the Covenant Churches are accustomed to join in a single service. This year the service was in the Leavitt Street edifice and the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. T. Blanchard of the Covenant Church. At the Californian Avenue Church Rev. J. T. Silcox preached. Nine churches, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran and Congregational, united in the house of the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church to listen to Dr. Phillip Krohn of the Lake View Church. The independent churches, the People's, that which worships in Central Music Hall, and the Church Militant, met in McVicker's theater, Dr. Thomas presiding, to hear addresses from Mr. Vrooman and Dr. Hillis. A Unitarian church, a Universalist church and the congregations of two synagogues met together in the Oakland Club Hall to hear a Jewish rabbi discuss the Perils and Hopes of Our Democracy. At the Fourth Baptist, where seven Baptist churches were represented, Dr. Greenel, pastor of one of these churches, directed the attention of his hearers to the Prospects of National Permanence.

Nearly all the speakers were inclined to optimistic views, but did not fail to point out the perils to which we are exposed. Many notable sermons were heard on Sunday, among them one by Dr. Noble, in which, after recognizing the hand of Providence in delivering us from recent dangers threatening the honor and prosperity of the country, he was careful to say, and say emphatically, that these dangers had their origin in a haste to obtain wealth and in a neglect of justice on the part of wealth and intelligence which it is the business of Christian people to rectify speedily and thoroughly. It is the feeling in this vicinity that all trusts and monopolies which exist at the expense of the people should be dealt with immediately, that educated men and business men may no longer shirk their duty as citizens, that the best and most competent men in society must unite to see that all just grounds of complaint made by laboring men and persons in moderate circumstances be carefully considered and, if founded in justice, removed with the least possible delay.

Voluntary Attendance at Prayers.

The University of Chicago has hitherto forced no one of its students or of its professors to attend its chapel exercises. The experiment cannot be said to have been satisfactory. Neither professors nor students have been present regularly or in large numbers. It has now been decided that hereafter a short chapel exercise shall be held at 10 30 A. M. four days in the week, at which it is expected that every member of the university once during the week, unless excused for good reason, will be present. Arrangements have been made by which members of different classes may meet together and in this way become better acquainted with each other than has been possible in the past. This dividing of the students and bringing them together on certain days of the week is necessary on account of the lack of a room in which all the members of the university can come together at one time. No want is greater at present than a chapel large enough for the patrons of the university. Not a little interest is taken in this latest decision of the authorities of the university in regard to religious exercises, as it confesses the failure of the voluntary system.

FRANKLIN.

Life in Drumtochty.

By Clifton Johnson.

"It's unearthly—a' these Americans comin' across here," was the comment of one of the older Drumtochty folk when he heard the news of our arrival in the region; for Drumtochty is a quiet, country district and the interest the outside world has shown in it of late is, to the average inhabitant, something past understanding. Since Ian Mac-laren began to write, "Drumtochty" has become a household word with the reading public wherever English is spoken, and many a traveler from beyond the seas turns aside from the beaten tourist paths to see the region that has become so familiar in the pages of *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush* and *In the Days of Auld Lang Syne*.

My wife and I spent nearly two months in Logiealmond, or Drumtochty, as Dr. Watson calls it. It is a widespread farm and grazing district on the edge of the Highlands, about a dozen miles north of Perth. It has one little central village called Harrietfield, situated on a long slope, or "strath," that sweeps gently downward to where a final steep pitch drops into a winding half wooded ravine, in the depths of which flows the stony river Almond. From the village one has always in sight the blue ridges of the Grampians, cutting ragged lines into the sky along the north.

Aside from this one village group on the strath the habitations of the region are scattered farmhouses and a few lonely shepherds' cottages on the borders of the moors. The glen has no resident gentry, though there is a shooting lodge at the head of a wild ravine up toward the hills and there is the big decayed mansion of Logie House just beyond the village borders in the midst of a grand park. Then there is Glen Almond College on a high terrace in plain sight across the river. You hear the college clock toll the hours and its bells chiming for evening service and you see its brown walls and pinnacles rising above the trees like some ancient castle. This college, I think, is never mentioned in Dr. Watson's stories and it seemed to conflict with one's sense of fitness. It made the scenes less completely rustic than one would wish, and, besides, what business has anything here that is not in the books?

The region as a whole is lacking in picturesqueness and beauty. You find these qualities in spots, but, in a casual view, Drumtochty is ordinary. It is transformed

in the books by the imagination of the author. We were told that in the minds of former residents far removed it had always an Arcadian charm, but when such return they are disappointed. The present inhabitants see nothing extraordinary about the region or about themselves. They tell you of certain views from the hills and spots along the stream that are bonnie, but the



THE FREE KIRK AND MANSE, FROM THE REAR.*

rest they think is commonplace. Dr. Watson is a favorite in the glen and the people esteem him a very clever man. Most of them like his books very well, though rather on account of their local flavor than as literature. Nearly every one of the glen folk has read *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush*. Only a few feel like affording to buy the book, but they gain their ends by borrowing. They do not recognize the reality of

The most interesting view we got of the books was from the guard of the Kildrummie train who is himself one of the most realistically described of the author's heroes under the name of Peter Bruce. In his look and ways he is so exactly like the book character that every stranger who journeys to Drumtochty recognizes him at once, and they call him "Peter Bruce" quite independent of the fact that his real name is "Sandy" Walker. One first sees him when the train running east from Perth stops at Kildrummie Junction. The junction is simply a forlorn shed of a station with its accompanying platforms in the midst of some lonely farm fields. On the side track is Peter's train in waiting and Peter himself is there hurrying about, joking with the travelers and attending to the baggage and to the comfort of all those in his charge. After a delay of a very few minutes this gray little old man waves his hand to the engineer, snaps a last door shut and swings up to his van at the rear with a very youthful

alertness. Then the train puffs away on the up grade toward Kildrummie—two or three miles distant.

It was a pleasure to watch Peter at the terminus, he was so bustling and good-natured and his eyes so full of twinkle. It seemed to come natural for him to get acquainted with all strangers and to find out their business the first time they ride on his train. He looks after the welfare of

the passengers as attentively as if they were his children. One day when I had been exchanging some banter with him he turned to my wife of a sudden and asked, "Din ye believe in yon man?"

"Why, of course," was the reply.

"Then ye can believe in onything," said Peter, with a wink.

When we told him we came all the way from America to make pictures for Dr. Watson's books, he said, "I ca' that a silly errant, noo."

He always spoke as if he did not relish the notoriety the books had brought him, but I fancy that was mainly bluff. Probably it will be a long time before he sues Dr. Watson for "defamation of character," as he hinted was his intention. "O," he said, "I ken Watson fine, but," he added, "thae books are two-thirds lees. The Drumtochty men were aye a drunken lot. It's all very true aboot their stannin' aroon'



LOOKING DOWN ON THE GLEN.*

the descriptions of character, and the humor and the pathos is largely lost on them. One of the Drumtochty ministers in his delight over the book read a chapter at a meeting of his elders. But the elders were perfectly imperturbable and sat unmoved to the end. He did not try it again.

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on the junction platform, but it was na for the clatter that Watson tells about—it was because they was too drunk to know enough to get on. Thae was mony a time they had to be put on—pushed in like cattle or lifted like bags o' grain."

No doubt Peter's trials with the stubborn farmers from the glen, six miles distant, make him take an extreme view of their failings. But it is true that the Drumtochty folk and the Scotch in general drink beyond anything I am familiar with in our American country. Nearly all the farmers drink in moderation and even a church elder can stagger after a visit to Perth without losing caste. Few are hard drinkers at home or are habitual visitors to the inn. They treat friends and strangers when they call and indulge in a social glass at the "publlics," but private tippling is rare. The tendency is at present to make liquor drinking less respectable and the younger generation feels a little sensitive about being seen drinking by the community's chief moral monitor, the minister.

We heard much of Dr. Leitch, who, very much idealized, is the lovable Dr. Maclure of the books. He has been dead now a score of years and you can see his stone in the little burying ground that huddles about the gray walls of the Established Kirk. But he was never any hero to the Drumtochty folk. Their view is quite disparaging. He was a picturesque figure, as awkward and rudely clad as he is in the book, and his professional methods were as rude as his outward appearance. Still he was a fairly good doctor.

Indeed, except for Peter Bruce, it would be difficult to fix on any one, past or present, who is the exact counterpart of the characters whom we know so well in the stories. One catches glimpses of the book people in all he sees of Drumtochty life and ways, and the manner of their speech Dr. Watson seems to have caught perfectly, but Burnbrae, Drumsheugh and the rest are the creations of the author's genius. One would have to travel far to find people more kindly and whole-souled than many of these Drumtochty folk. They make hospitality to a stranger a fine art, and if you ask a favor of some old farmer in a dress that any respectable scarecrow would be ashamed of he will grant it with a courtesy and a warm pleasure that make you love him on the spot. Yet the place is not Altruria. Good and evil exist there mixed very much as they do in the rest of the world. There are sharp dealings, rivalries, mean economies, dark lapses of morals and gossiping tongues, so that with the brightness there is plenty of sharply contrasted shadow.

Logiealmond as well as all the country around is owned by the Earl of Mansfield, one of the richest of Scotch landed proprietors. His residence is Scone Palace near Perth. One naturally thinks of him as the prototype of "Lord Kilspindie of Muirtown Castle," but unfortunately he does not resemble that courtly and generous gentleman to any marked degree. He is a champion of that sect of Presbyterians in Scotland known as the Established Church and he favors tenants of the same persuasion.

Harrietfield village, although it belongs to the earl, is not wholly in his power. It is built on land feud or leased to the tenants for a term of ninety-nine years, and about a quarter of this time is still unexpired. The village locally is commonly spoken of as

"The Feus." It is a double row of stone houses with gardens in between. Here, too, are the United Presbyterian and the Free Kirk. Houses and churches both were built by the people, but all are the Earl of Mansfield's in twenty-six years. Nevertheless, there is no fear of any special severity, for whatever might be a landlord's personal pleasure he dare not go against the public sentiment of the nation, and the dissenters will continue to have their kirks and their ministers.

The Free Kirk is the one of which Dr. Watson was pastor in his early life. It is a plain stone building oddly situated at the back of the village, so that its only approach is by a zigzag lane. At the peak of the front gable is a bit of a cupola where hangs the bell, and the bell rope dangles down the wall outside. Inside the kirk is comfortably modern, and in this respect is quite the reverse of the antiquated interior of the Established Kirk two miles away at Chapel Hill. The latter has an old-time high pulpit over-hung by a sounding board, and seats with backs so painfully perpendicular it makes one ache just to look at them.

But if the auditorium of the Free Kirk is uninterestingly modern, the vestry at the rear is just the opposite. It is so small one would think it had been built for a joke, and nothing could be truer to the reality than the humorous description of it in *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush*. The Free Kirk manse adjoins the church. It is a pleasant house, pleasantly situated. It turns its back to the village, and looks down on a sweet little dell where the wild roses fling out their thorny arms piled high with rosy bloom, and where the village women trundle their barrows of washing to do their scrubbing by the burnside. The hills sweep up finely from here and the blue ranges of the Grampians dream in the distance. It was in these surroundings that Dr. Watson, lover alike of nature and his fellowmen, gathered the impressions that have given to the world these books of simple Scotch stories which have brought us all so much wholesome pleasure.

A STROLL PAST SIDEWALK BOOK-STALLS.

BY G. F. M.

Few of a city's possessions are more indicative of its past—and its present, too, for that matter—than its bookstalls. They tell whether the people in that city and the towns round about it have been given over to the mere struggle for existence and the accumulation of money, or whether they also have invested in "medicine for the soul," and sought to foster mental and spiritual growth by purchasing, if not publishing, many books.

Hence, as you wander about the streets of many of the prosperous but more modern manufacturing towns of New England, you need not expect to find displayed such collections of old books as you will find for sale in the older seaport and hill towns. Such collections presuppose more than the newer towns can furnish.

Obviously a city as ancient as Boston, the intellectual capital of a section inhabited by a people than whom there once were none more intelligent in this or any other country, must see drifting in to its bookshops the cherished collections of many individuals, dispersed because poverty or death or changed circumstances make col-

lectors, or their heirs, willing to sell. The best of these books either find their way to the auction rooms and thence to the private or public libraries of the land, or they find a place on the shelves of the dealers, who generally know their value and demand a generous profit.

But fortunately there is a limit both to the shelf room of the dealers and to their omniscience, so out on the sidewalk bookstalls, where what they are pleased to call "rubbish" is stacked up to be sold for a nickel or a dime per volume, they deposit many books, some of which in time "come to their own again," and are the choice treasures of libraries whose owners are bibliophiles.

'Tis true that one who wanders down Cornhill, Boston, and Brattle, Milk and Bromfield Streets today will find these outer bookstalls to be the morgues where are displayed in ghastly array "the favorites of yesterday," as T. W. Higginson has recently called them. The stroller also will find many of the booklets about pious children who died young, which Agnes Repplier scoffs at in her delightful essay on *Little Pharisees in Fiction*, in the December *Scribners*. Nowhere else, save in special collections made by pedagogues for pedagogical purposes, can one so well determine by comparison the vast strides we have made in our schoolbooks, secular and religious.

But now and then a well-bound, well-printed edition of some standard work creeps in, bearing on its fly-leaf the signature of an earlier owner, or having an engraving or portrait or two that will be valuable in extra illustrating. Happy the man who knows a first edition when he sees it, or who recognizes in the signature the proof that it is either a presentation copy from the author of the book, or the former property of a noted man, or who perceives that the engravings are rare. There be such joys reserved even for men whose purses are lean.

Let us stroll down Cornhill today, and see what can be had for a nickel or dime.

William Law, the mystic and nonjuror, is too pious and unworldly to be a popular author in this day and generation, but the man who samples him will ever be his debtor. At least so thought Dr. Johnson and Gibbon. Believing this—in theory, at least—and feeling the necessity of *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, you naturally purchase a 1739 London edition of Law's book with that title, especially as you discover on its last page the bold, old-fashioned signature of William Pepperell. Comparison later with Pepperell's authenticated signature makes clear that you have unquestionably a book formerly owned and annotated by Sir William Pepperell, the capturer of Louisburg, America's first baronet.

Here is a well preserved volume called *The Literary Miscellany*, which superficial examination shows to be one of the earliest periodicals of its kind published in this country. This copy is pencilled with the names of the authors of many of its articles, and you buy it, sure that it will prove a worthy addition to your slowly increasing collection of works on American journalism. Investigation later shows that it is a perfect file of a high grade literary journal to which Andrews Norton, S. Willard, and William Jenks and a notable group of other young Harvard graduates contributed in 1804-6, men who later were to achieve great prominence.

Sometimes in scanning the titles of these old books, especially those which grew out of the Trinitarian Unitarian controversy, of which there are an innumerable number on the bookstalls now, testifying by their profusion and cheapness to the non-vitality of the controversy today, you are constrained to believe that in some respects an old book-stall is one of the saddest sights of a great city. It tells of so much misdirected thought and energy, so much thwarted ambition, so much misunderstanding of men and events. Here, for instance, is the volume of caustic attacks by George Lunt on Theodore Parker, R. W. Emerson, G. W. Curtis and the abolitionists, which first appeared anonymously in the Boston *Courier* in 1858. Who cares now what Mr. Lunt thought of Emerson, or how much he misunderstood Curtis? The logic of events and the verdict of history have annihilated his clever satire and pessimistic prophecies.

It is not a slightly tome that your eye rests upon now. Wind and rain have discolored its binding and marred its print, and there is nothing in its title to win your study, for it seems to be a memoir of a clergyman. But your eye as you run over the pages notices the names of John Randolph of Roanoke, Thomas Chalmers, the Scotch divine, and William Wirt appended to letters, and you see references to "a magazine," which make you think you have stumbled on the life of an editor. Secure in your study, with lamp lighted and easy-chair beneath you, in due time you ascertain that your battered volume is exceedingly interesting and the valuable repository of facts and opinions that shed much light on one of the earliest attempts at religious journalism in this country, namely the struggle of Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., to edit and establish a religious weekly and a literary monthly in Richmond, Va., in 1814-15. You arise from reading of it cognizant as never before of the dependence of the South of that day upon the North for its supplies of new books and educated ministers, and the service which Andover Seminary rendered to the cause of Christ by its co-operation with Virginia and Carolina Presbyterians. Here, too, are found most valuable hints as to the influence which slavery had upon the ecclesiastical life of the Old Dominion, and you hear mutterings of the coming storm.

You come back to the daily task after such a quest minus forty cents, but satisfied with the *quid* which you have if the dealer is satisfied with his *quod*.

IAN MACLAREN IN BOSTON.

ON THE PLATFORM.

Venerable men and women and delicate maidens do not stand in line for eight or ten hours to purchase tickets to readings by authors who are merely clever or notorious. There must be some stronger motive than proceeds from curiosity or love of amusement which will lead business men and artisans to give up their time and ladies in silks and servants in calicoes to endure hardship if by so doing they can see and hear the man whose books and sermons they have read and cried over. It is doubtful whether more convincing proof of the affection of readers for an author was ever manifested than was shown by the heterogeneous crowd of rich and poor, high and low, who suffered so much fatigue and worry the first day that tickets for Ian

Maclaren's lectures were put on sale in Boston, fatigue and worry, too, that was quite unnecessary and might have been spared the public if there had been better management.

But who thought of the fatigue or incompetence when he sat in Tremont Temple at any one of the four readings and fell under the spell of the winning, delightful, witty lecturer and interpreter of his own matchless creations? How genuine was the round of applause when Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon finished the graceful words of welcome with which he introduced Dr. Watson to his first Boston audience, and how the lecturer won his way to all hearts by his tender words of regret that his long anticipated visit to Boston could not be crowned and made perfect by a chat with the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table.

To say that Tremont Temple was filled at each of the four lectures would not be true, but it is true that more than 9,000 sittings were sold and that the audiences contained the flower of the people of Greater Boston. Distinguished clergymen always occupied the platform seats, but they were few compared with the many fellow-clerics who were scattered throughout the house. Tuesday evening a delegation of Scotchmen, clad in kilts and tartan, sat in the organ loft.

Of the many courtesies shown to Dr. Watson by Bostonians the most notable perhaps was Mrs. James T. Fields's entertainment of him on Thanksgiving Day. There he received from the physicians of the city a beautifully worded testimonial and some choice flowers, their demonstration of respect and gratitude to the man who has made the philanthropy and skill of the average physician immortal in his classic portrayal of Dr. William Maclure.

IN THE PULPIT.

Eager as Bostonians were to hear Dr. Watson on the platform, many were still more desirous to ascertain by the hearing of the ear what message he would bring on the Sabbath day when he stood up to set forth the Christian gospel. More than an hour before the doors were opened the throngs began to gather at the entrances of Old South Church, and by a little after ten every seat was taken, the pew-holders and their special friends being the only ones admitted up to that time. When at 10:30 the doors were opened and outsiders admitted in half a dozen different installments, the number thus privileged were only a fraction of the great multitude who knocked in vain. Within the scene was a memorable one. Hundreds stood throughout the service and hung upon every word of the preacher, whose discourse occupied sixty minutes. The chaste splendor of the edifice was a fitting setting for the congregation representing so much in the way of culture, intelligence, appreciativeness and Christian character.

If Dr. Watson were wearied with the exertions upon him during his American tour he succeeded in covering up all traces of the fact. He preached as if he loved to preach. His manner resembled his platform style of speech, and, indeed, all the characteristics—humor, pathos, vivid word picturing—that make his stories and his lectures so fascinating pervaded the discourse. Dr. Gordon happily introduced the speaker, terming him the guest of all good hearts within our borders. Dr. Watson's theme was The Optimism of

Jesus. He took Zaccheus as an instance of a man in whom the Pharisees saw no good, but in whom Jesus saw possibilities of a son of Abraham and a son of God. The strength of the sermon lay in part in its realistic descriptions of Zaccheus and other individuals. The four points developed were: first, in every man there are two selves; second, we can appreciate either the lower or the higher self in our brother; third, the higher self is the real man; fourth, if we wish to save our brother believe in the better side of him.

Dr. Watson's hand was not grasped after the sermon by one in a hundred who would have been glad to have expressed their appreciation of the helpfulness of his sermon. But when he left Boston, Sunday night, for New York, he must have carried with him the conviction that no city in the country contains in proportion to its population more of his admirers and wellwishers. Dr. and Mrs. Watson sail for Liverpool Dec. 16.

WOMAN'S BOARD PRAYER MEETING.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 27.

The calendar topics being appropriate to Thanksgiving season, Miss Valentine of Woburn read selections from the Sixty-fifth Psalm and the epistle to the Philippians.

Mrs. Kellogg, quoting the text, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me," spoke of the privilege of thanksgiving and of the manifold causes afforded by a retrospection of the growth of mission work during the century.

Miss Emily Wheeler said we ought to go to mission fields in order to appreciate the many things which should call for our gratitude here. Some one in her hearing had said we could easily omit from our list of mercies the minor things, such as good roads, but Miss Wheeler thought of the wretched roads in Turkey, of the springless vehicles, the utter absence of anything like horse cars or railroad trains, and felt that such blessings as good transportation service were by no means to be counted as small. Think of having to order household supplies for a whole year, instead of day by day or week by week, and of the trial of having some spoiled by the way or give out altogether. She recalled one can of baking powder left from the looting of their home in Harpoot because the mob thought it contained dynamite, and what a treasure it was in the missionaries' depleted stores and how thankful they were for it.

Mrs. Carrie P. Fowle, recently returned from Casarea with her family, recurred to the Thanksgiving day of last year, kept midst dangers and anxieties and followed the next day by massacre and distress. She was thankful to have her children out of that atmosphere of bloodshed and terror, and she thought of her husband, probably returning to his field over such a road as Miss Wheeler had described, and of his thankfulness in the thought of the safety of his family. Mrs. J. K. Browne read a letter from her husband written at Arabkir, telling of fully attended meetings but of destitution and suffering on every side.

Mrs. DeForest of Japan gave as causes for thanksgiving that we have no tidal waves here such as have brought dire disaster there, that the Red Cross Society, organized during the war, had proved efficient in relief work after the tidal waves, and that the younger evangelists in Japan were showing themselves most efficient in their line of effort. After a series of brief prayers of thanksgiving, Mrs. Thompson quoted the headings of two chapters of a book she had read years ago. "I must pray more," "I must praise more."

Men must look each other in the face and constrict prayer or sermon with the human alphabet.—Julia Ward Howe.

A GREAT CHICAGO MISSION.

The nineteenth year of the Pacific Garden Mission has now closed. The meetings held every night during the year were attended by more than 200,000 persons in the aggregate and were larger than in any previous year. As far as can be judged not a meeting has been held without conversions. The audiences range from four to five hundred and embrace persons of every race and strangers from every part of the country. The mission, through correspondence with those who have been blessed by it, is in close touch with almost every part of the English-speaking world. Through these converts, who do not forget the influences which reached them, and who are striving to serve the Master in the place where their lot is cast, the mission is making its power felt more widely year by year. The mission has certainly solved the problem how to reach and hold the masses. It is by the simple, hearty, friendly and honest preaching of the gospel. Situated in darkest Chicago, with no attempt to conceal the hatefulness of sin and the wretchedness it invariably causes, it finds eager listeners night after night and witnesses constant proofs of the power of the grace of God to change the human heart, as its managers say, to exhibit the same transforming power as is described in the gospel of John and in the Acts of the Apostles. Two gospel wagons are now carrying the message of life every evening to different sections of the city and are reaching six or eight hundred persons every day. Visits to the Bridewell and the prisons and to the sick in hospitals have also become a prominent feature in the work of the converts. The Sunday afternoon meeting for the study of the Bible has drawn together a class of nearly one hundred, men chiefly, in which many are trained in the skillful use of the Scriptures. A bureau of information through which inquiries are made for long lost friends or relatives seems to meet a pressing want. While no one can estimate the amount of good the mission has accomplished in the way of winning men for Christ, it is recognized by city officials as a crime preventing agency and as such worthy the support of all order loving people. The cost of the mission the past year was a trifle over \$6,200. Of this sum about a quarter came from Mrs. Colonel Clarke, the superintendent, who in addition to giving her time to the mission is by far the largest contributor to it.

On a recent Monday morning the ministers listened to an account of the work of this mission as furnished in the words and appearance of three of the men who have recently been converted in it. Each one of them had fallen low, but by the grace of God was brought to a consciousness of his real condition as a sinner and led to break away from the power of sin and enter upon the service of God. All of them are now in positions of trust and are earnest in their efforts to help those who are still in bondage to Satan. One of the three who addressed the meeting was an ex convict, another a reformed drunkard, who, with his wife, is keeping a home for the rescue of erring women, and the third an Irishman, who from great wealth and high social standing in his own country had been brought, by the loss of property and his own habits, to a condition in which he felt himself an outcast and a disgrace, not only to his family, but to human nature. The story

of the conversion of these three men and the account of the work they are now doing ought to be repeated in as many of our churches as possible. It would convince those who may have begun to think that one's faith is a matter of indifference that there is nothing so true as the gospel, and no means so certain to help men to their feet as the bold and constant proclamation that the wages of sin is death while the gift of God in Jesus Christ is eternal life.

FRANKLIN.

THE APPLE CHARITY.

Depleted cupboards in many Boston homes have depended, to a greater or less extent, for about six weeks past upon the generous providence of New England farmers, whose orchards have fortunately escaped the blight of the general stress of the times. Just how it came about that an entirely free and ample supply of fruit has been stored almost at the doors of needy and worthy families is a story whose interest centers in the novelty and growth of the movement, but which cannot contain a full statement of the success and all the benefits of the work.

This is not the first chapter in the history of New England fruit offerings. As long ago as 1878, at the suggestion of Mr. D. L. Moody, the farmers of Northfield, and others following their example, sent 1,400 bushels of apples to the Boston City Missionary Society. Rev. D. W. Waldron of that society successfully conducted the proper distribution of the fruit among nearly 600 families. It is worthy of mention that such generosity was an incentive to like deeds in another direction. The same year a brother, who feared that the "sour apples might set the children's teeth on edge," gave 500 gallons of syrup "to neutralize any such result."

Two years later the same movement was repeated, and the City Missionary Society became the medium between farms and families for distributing over 4,000 bushels of apples, pears, peaches and various vegetables among more than 1,500 households.

This year the society has shouldered the management of a fruit offering which became spontaneous at the call repeated by Mr. Moody. His suggestion was all that was necessary and both parties met in mutual service. The contents of the carloads were sent in small quantities all over Boston, from the freight houses directly to the homes of needy ones, all of whom were known as worthy of such attention. A bushel or a bushel and a half is the gift to each household. Up to date between 2,500 and 3,000 bushels have been distributed. The girls at the Northfield school encouraged the suggestion at the start by subscribing \$20 for 500 bags, all the other bags which have been used being a gift from individuals.

The offer of a New Hampshire young woman to place a carload of apples at the disposal of the Associated Charities of this city, for free distribution among the poor, was the starting of another avalanche of fruit which, like the first, has come down from western Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire in such quantities as to require the special attention of a manager at the Boston end to receive, store and dispense with care and caution. Rev. R. B. Tobey was asked to undertake the superintendency of the work, and his hesitancy at the

outset was at once set aside by the generous offer of Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale, representing the Lend-a-Hand Club, to provide for the expenses of distribution in the city. Once started, these streams also needed little stimulation—offer following offer from various scattered sections. The pressing necessity of cheap and speedy transportation from fields to firesides was greatly relieved in both cases by the willingness of the railroad corporations centered in Boston to convey the supplies without charge. The free use of a storehouse, means for conveying the fruit thereto from the cars and a great supply of paper bags of large capacity were encouraging additional offers from magnanimous business firms and individuals. Only sorted apples, as a rule, are sent out for distribution, and they include cooking and eating apples and on the average are in excellent condition.

The different mode of management in this second movement, i. e., distribution from a central station and district points to individuals rather than direct from the cars to the homes, has necessitated the use of the fifteen district headquarters of the Associated Charities, which are scattered over the twenty-five wards of the city, and eleven other stations, including, beside those given up entirely to this work, such places as St. Andrew's House, Olivet, Raggles Street and Every Day Churches. The contents of boxes, barrels and bags of all sizes and many shapes have multiplied the hundreds of bushels which have filled the great bins at headquarters over and over, and these in turn have been drawn upon by the cartload to provide the substations of distribution, several wagons being used exclusively to fill the orders of the latter. Thus the expenses and difficulties of actually placing these small quantities of fruit in the kitchens of large families have been reduced to nothing as far as the recipients are concerned and to a minimum for the givers and managers of both offerings.

The busy times at the distributing stations are before or after school hours, when troops of children are hurried off from home to return laden with such burdens as light hearts and willing arms are able to bear. We have seen big and little children cherrily staggering off under the weight of loads which they could hardly carry. And without exception the general appearance of these burden bearers was such as to indorse their request for the gifts. The rule requiring the presentation of a ticket from an authorized source, guaranteeing the request for fruit, has been strictly observed, and, when necessary, receipts have been the vouchers for the proper delivery of large quantities. Careful records show that in the distribution of this latter offering 3,520 bushels of apples were handled, and that 40,663 individuals were reached, over 20,000 of them through the various institutions employed.

How glad the cheerful workers in the orchards—groups of well-fed country children, men and women—would be to hear the "Thank you's" which should be shared with them. They would feel overpaid by even a look at the grateful faces of those whom they have helped to make happy.

The accounts of families which have lived on "charity apples" and nothing more for days at a time are not unreal, and needy households have made not a few meals from them alone.

H. H. S.

The Home

OLOISTERED.

BY IDA WHIPPLE BENHAM.

Two souls I saw, as in a dream,
Immured in cloisters leagues apart;
And each, I thought, did haply seem
Engraven on the other's heart.
But one was joyful in her sphere—
Four narrow walls dim lighted, cold—
And prayed for him, year after year,
With lips grown tremulous and old;
Contented with her human lot
Because for him she still could pray,
And God knew—though he knew it not.
Lone in his cloister far away.

Self was the cell that wrapped around
With iron walls that other soul;
In rusty links his limbs were bound;
He felt the heavy seasons roll—
Nor knew the days were good and bright,
Nor knew the years were glad and free,
But shut his heart to joy and light
And threw away life's liberty.
He hoarded, and he told his gains
In gold and silver—yet so poor
That when they heard him clank his chains
They pitied him both slave and boor.

Perhaps some day the chains may fall,
His eyes grow clear that now are dim;
God's heart is great, who loves us all—
And still one woman prays for him.

The late President Seelye once said that he knew of scarcely any cause from which the country suffers so much as the custom of parents to delegate altogether to others the training of their children. The father, in particular, feels that he has fulfilled his whole duty if he attends to the finance department of the home. He hands over to others the training of the child's mind and soul. Yet a man cannot assist in educating his child without at the same time, and in a much greater degree, educating himself. As a result there is a real impoverishment of his own character, while the effect upon his offspring is to weaken that beautiful relationship between father and child which is one of the most tender of all human ties.

The proposition made by Mrs. C. L. Goodell, to divert a portion of our Christmas gift money this year into channels of benevolence, is meeting with a cordial approval. One lady writes: "If we can be brave enough to defy custom in the matter of perfunctory giving only, giving because we imagine it is expected of us, there would be a harvest for the needy without encroaching on our gifts of love to real friends. But in times like these, with such appalling distress within reach, friends ought gladly to join in mutual consecration of their gift money." A practical proof of her own willingness to cooperate in the plan suggested was a generous check in behalf of the Armenian orphans. Multitudes whom we know nothing about have doubtless followed her example and we hope the mention of this particular case may stimulate others to go and do likewise.

The influence of pictures upon children is recognized in a beautiful way by the church in Newtonville, Mass. The room in which the infant department of the Sunday school meets is adorned with choice photographs of the best paintings which illustrate the life of Christ from the annunciation to the ascension. These are framed, either singly or in groups, and hung at a level adapted to

childish eyes, making a most attractive wall decoration entirely around the room. They serve another purpose in helping to elucidate the lessons from week to week. But apart from this practical consideration the value of such a scheme of decoration is worth all its costs for its unconscious influence upon childish souls. Pictorial representation of isolated scenes in our Lord's life are frequently seen in Sunday school rooms, but we know of no place except Newtonville where the chronological order of events from his birth to his ascension is thus portrayed.

How far is Ian Maclaren right in saying that a decrease in attendance upon public worship, which he claims is the fact in most countries, is due to a decline of parental authority? On this point he remarks: "Once all the children were expected to be in their pews with their parents every Sunday. Nowadays even a ten-year-old child is allowed to have his likes and dislikes about the preacher and express his opinion as to whether he will or will not attend church." If this is generally the case, it might be well to inaugurate a reform by adopting the method followed in a certain New York home where there are seven children. Until reaching the age of eighteen they are held as strictly to attendance at church as at school. The parents assume a right to exact obedience in this and certain other well defined duties that belong to the period of youth. On reaching the age specified individual choice is allowed, but the habit of church-going thus established is not readily abandoned.

SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS IN LITERATURE AND ART.

BY ESTELLE M. HURLL.

As we examine the new bulletins of the publishing houses we discover a surprising amount of literature, present and prospective, centering in the life of Christ. I do not mean works on theology or books of Bible selections, year-books, etc., but a new Christ literature, which is more distinctly the work of the creative imagination and is cast in the literary form of a novel. Just two years ago a large Sunday school publishing house issued as a prize story a book called *Titus: A Comrade of the Cross: A Tale of the Christ*. So eagerly was it received by young and old alike that edition after edition appeared, until there are now in circulation some 350,000 copies of the American edition, to say nothing of the numerous translations which have found their way into nearly every important country of the world. No critic would give *Titus* a place of high rank for purely literary merits, yet its phenomenal popularity makes it clear that it filled a long-felt want. Like its great predecessor, *Ben Hur*, which undoubtedly served as an ideal for the prize competitors, it makes the personality of Jesus real and vivid, and, however great the distance between Lew Wallace and Florence Kingsley, the latter's success is not incomparable with the former's in touching the heart of the people. The David C. Cook Company has now followed *Titus* with the *Wrestler of Philippi*, by Fannie E. Newberry, and from the Century Company comes the *Swordmaker's Son*, by W. O. Stoddard, both juvenile books.

All books of the *Ben Hur* type may be classed together as fiction, in which the his-

toric figure of Christ plays a part. The main plot is purely imaginary, and is crossed only here and there by incidents in the life of Christ. This method may be reversed, and we may have, instead, a story in which Christ's life itself constitutes the chief thread of the narrative, crossed here and there by incidents in the lives of imaginary or partly imaginary characters. In this way we get the incidents of Christ's life as they impress his contemporaries, historical or fictional. The method is, so far as I know, a new one, and it is an interesting coincidence that two books of this kind should appear simultaneously, one for juveniles and one for adults. John Gordon's *Three Children of Galilee** is a life of Christ for young people, based strictly upon the gospels, but relating each incident as viewed by, or in some way related to, one or more of the three imaginary children who figure as *dramatis personae* in the narrative.

Miss Woods selects for her *Tale of King Messiah*† only a few leading incidents of Christ's ministry from the baptism to the resurrection, and interprets them for us through the medium of a group of strongly individualized characters. Some of the persons of the drama are entirely imaginary, but the most prominent are the historic figures of the gospels as Miss Woods herself conceives them, the chief among them being John, the beloved disciple, whose name gives the title to the book. Miss Woods's work bears the stamp of great earnestness and reverence. She has little dramatic gift but genuine insight into the truth.

The book marks an era in Christ literature as the forerunner of the new type of the life of Christ. In all previous works the life has been written as a historical narrative, and the field has been worked until exhausted. We are now to have the life from an imaginative standpoint, told as a novel rather than as a history, as a drama rather than as a narrative. Three great imaginative writers of the day have promised to undertake the task: John Watson, S. R. Crockett and Hall Caine. Each is fitted for the task by peculiar gifts of the imagination. John Watson has a remarkably sympathetic insight into character, Crockett has a more delicate vein of sentiment, which is unique, Hall Caine has by far the greatest dramatic power. One can imagine that Watson will best understand the relation of Peter to our Lord, Crockett will treat most successfully the character of John, and Caine will dramatize forcibly the defection of Judas. As to the light which each will shed on the personality of Jesus, the central figure, we must wait and see.

Side by side with the new impulse towards a Christ literature is the movement towards a Christ art. The last ten years have witnessed a great revival of interest in art of the Italian Renaissance. This has of necessity led to a wider knowledge of sacred art, as the greatest works of the greatest masters almost invariably treated themes from the life of our Lord. Thus Raphael's crowning work is *The Transfiguration*, Leonardo da Vinci's, *Last Supper*, Tintoretto's, *The Crucifixion*. The study of such works as these make the scenes of Christ's life very real and familiar. They are the pictorial dramatization of his life, which corresponds to the literary dramatization of which we

* *Three Children of Galilee*, by John Gordon. Joseph Knight Co., Boston. \$1.50.

† *John: A Tale of King Messiah*. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. \$1.25.

have been speaking. In the period which gave them birth they were the only record of his acts given unto the people. Now, indefinitely multiplied by process reproduction and scattered broadcast over the world, they awaken the same enthusiasm in the nineteenth-century Christian that they did in the Christian of 400 years ago. And this enthusiasm creates a demand for more sacred art, an art which shall unite with the reverent spirit of the old masters the larger knowledge of our own times, both as regards exegetical interpretation and archaeological setting. This will be the art of the twentieth century, and it is already beginning to make itself known. A colossal work of art illustrating the life of Christ in some 400 pictures—pen drawings and watercolors—is soon to be issued in France. It is the work of James Tissot, who has devoted ten years of arduous study to his task.

Now what does it mean that a celebrated and successful artist turns aside from his previous lines of work to devote ten years to the pictorial dramatization of the Christ life? What does it mean that three foremost novelists of the time turn aside from fiction to the literary dramatization of the Christ life? Are not these signs of the times? And do they not mean that as the nineteenth century draws to a close it is with an awakening sense of the power of Christ's personality, a new longing for vivid personal contact with him who is the same yesterday, today and forever?

A LADY OF CLAY.

BY LETITIA JEAN SMYTH.

IN THREE PARTS. PART I.

Roger Cameron was leaning back in an easy-chair, waiting for his servant to announce the carriage that was to take him to the Van der Poole ball. The shaded light from the bronze candelabra above him revealed traces of fatigue on the fine face and deepened the lines of serious thought about the well-formed mouth. Great, strong fellow that he was, he had to admit a feeling of unwonted weariness. It had been a busy day with the young physician, just preceding the glad Christmas—a call to a dying man at early dawn, a trying operation at the hospital all the morning, and an afternoon of love labor among his poor folk, distributing dinners and doses to suffering humanity in one of the squalid districts. It was no wonder that a sigh escaped him at the thought of the brilliant ballroom, where he was in honor bound to spend half the night.

Yet it was not mere physical weariness that put him out of harmony with the glare and gayety. He was usually glad of an opportunity to shake off the morbid effects of what he called a "heavy day." He knew his own sensitive temperament—so keenly acute to other people's pain and sorrow—too well to underrate the necessity of an occasional relaxation, and he frowned upon physical indisposition as one of the innumerable temptations to "professional hermitage," against which at the outset of his chosen career the young man had resolved to wage active warfare. But somehow, tonight there were scenes in his mind which he could not banish, try as he would. Wretched dwellings of misery and sin rose before him, side by side with the palace where half the city's wealth would be represented tonight. The contrast was startling and it deepened the thought that had

impressed him today as never before, of the great gulf fixed between rich and poor. Was it fixed too deep and wide ever to be safely bridged?

"Hold on there, Roger, my boy, or you'll land yourself before the civil authorities as a supporter of anarchistic doctrines!" He laughed to himself, but the next moment the grave thoughtfulness came back to his face. Why should some members of the human family be so infinitely below their fellows? Was there a hard, cruel deity ordaining for his creatures destinies like these? Or was life all a mammoth lottery, one stupendous game of chance? When a man's soul is stirred with the great unsolved problems of the human brotherhood, it is then that his faith in an all-wise Providence is sorely tried.

Roger continued his soliloquy. He accepted the existing order of society, but why did not the upper class, so called, put forth strenuous personal efforts to lift the fallen ones to the higher plane? True, the city's wealth poured golden streams into the coffers of the missions; but why only reach down by proxy—why not come down to the lower level with hearts of tender sympathy and brotherly kindness?

Some of the families that he had visited today had already been provided with Christmas comforts. In every case some one whom they all called "Mis' Ellie" had been the generous benefactor. One aged Irishman, who had long been lying in helpless rheumatic agony, proudly displayed to the "docther" a set of warm flannels which he affirmed was "Mis' Ellie's" handiwork.

"An wad yez belave it, maasther docther, but she didn't jist buy thim up alay loike, an' sind thim along wid wan o' thim foine sarvant gentlemen, but she sewed thim together wid her purty hands, an' brocht thim herself. Ay! but she's the gran' loidy, bliss her!"

The old bricklayer's words had haunted Roger all day. They contained the very gist of his pet theory that, after all, it was only the close personal touch of living sympathy that would ever draw poor, distorted humanity back to the first fair image. This "gran' loidy, Mis' Ellie," whoever she might be—Roger fancied her a wealthy maiden lady, with gray curls and a kind old face—she, at least, had gotten down to the root of true charity and had discovered that "the gift without the giver is bare" indeed.

It often occurred to Roger what a magnificent work this would be for certain men and women whom he met now and then in social life. What power, he wondered, must play before they could be brought to feel their responsibility as individuals in the elevation of their down-trodden fellow-creatures? There was Elinor Morton, for instance—somehow Roger had come to let Miss Morton stand for any possible perfect type of his fancy—beautiful, gifted queen of the circle in which she moved, infinitely superior to the members of her "set" in talents and intellect, yet throwing away her God-given right to reign upon the frivolous worldlings who ranged themselves as adoring vassals round her throne. Sometimes Roger fancied that he could read an expression of discontent and restlessness on the proud, beautiful face, and once, when he told her briefly of a pitiful fever case which had detained him at the hospital on one of her "at home" evenings, a low, passionate exclamation had escaped her involuntarily,

and her dark eyes had softened to an expression that Roger had never seen in them before. He had never forgotten that incident, nor how quickly the old hauteur and coldness had returned when some one interrupted them. But that one moment of unrestrained intercourse, though it left him more puzzled and perplexed than ever as to the girl's real character, made it impossible for him to go back to his old concept.

Tonight Roger found himself asking what the result would be if this fair girl, turning from the vanities of her life, should step down into the midst of the sin and sorrow stricken and tell them in her beautiful voice that "One was their Master, even Christ," and she and they belonged to the same love-bound family. Ah! how they would worship her, those poor lowly ones, out of whose lives all love and beauty had been crushed, and how eagerly they would strive to make themselves worthy of this royal kinship! Surely a love service such as this would be far more truly regal than the selfish sway of the society secerar.

Lately people had begun to couple Miss Morton's name with that of Huntingdon Delafield, a young fashionable whose family and fortune made him altogether desirable as a *parti*—provided that soul and intellect were not required. But Roger, having had that instant's revelation of the heart Miss Morton was hiding beneath her haughty indifference, told himself that such a union was impossible. It was beyond all belief that Miss Morton could bind herself to a narrow-minded man like Delafield, and yet he could not but admit that "society" had foundation for its forecasts and inferences.

"A beautiful mystery," he said, with a half sigh, "and tonight I make my last endeavor to find you out, Queen Elinor. My Christmas greeting to you—the waxen azaleas, white and perfect enough, yet giving forth no fragrance to sweeten the world around them, are a type of your fair, cold self to the world's weary ones, and if you will let me I will interpret their message to you:

"Where is the use of the lip's red charm,
The heaven of hair, the pride of the brow,
And the blood that blues the inside arm—
Unless we turn, as the soul knows how,
The earthly gift to an end divine?
A lady of clay is as good, I trow."

A sudden tingling of electric bells echoed through the apartment, and brought the socialistic meditations to an abrupt end. Roger reached for his great-coat, chanting to a college tune his favorite quotation from the Scottish poet:

"Then let us pray that come it may—
As come it will for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that."

"I'll be right out," he said, as his big valet appeared at the door.

"It's just a bit of a boy, sir, I didn't know would you want to be annoyed by 'im?" Barney's majestic personality betrayed evident signs of perturbation.

"Certainly, Barney, show him in. Who is he?"

For answer, a small specimen of Americo-Arabian pushed past Barney's imposing stature and stood before Roger, breathless. The handsome face bent kindly down to the ragged street waif, and two strong, warm hands took the little half-frozen ones in a friendly grasp.

"Well, my boy, what can I do for you?" There was a hearty ring in the deep voice that touched the poor little fellow with a strange new feeling.

"Please, sir, it's 'bout Jamie wot sells de dailies on de Av'noo. Yer knows Jamie—he's me chum, an' he's been runned over, an' he says as he's a dyin', an' I says as how I'd come fer yer so's he wouldn' die. An' say! Mister docter, ef yer does'n let Jamie die, I'll give yer all I makes on de shines till I pays yer!"

Roger turned his face away rather abruptly. Strange that mud-splash on his coat sleeve should demand such close attention just then!

"The carriage, sir," Barney announced, stiffly.

"All right, tell the driver East Third Street, and you, little lad, you come with me." A moment later Dr. Roger Cameron of the "Av'noo," and the little East Side bootblack were sitting side by side, whirling rapidly through the noisy streets to "Jamie."

HOW THE REFUGEES WERE SAVED.

BY ELLEN KNIGHT BRADFORD.

The sun had dropped low down the Western sky, When a ship at her anchor lay straining close by Old Smyrna, the land where Homer once sung, Where Cybele ruled when the gods were young. The British ship Boyne, with her fragrant freight From the land of the olive, the fig and the date, Was waiting her papers, when over the hills, Grown red with the blood that the Moslem spills, Came the noise of the conflict—the cloud-burst of pain, That told yet again of Armenia's slain!

Redoubling his watch, the brave Captain espied A frail little bark close to starboard side Of his own great ship, while an aged man Hy terror made fleet, up the gangway ran. "O, Captain, good Captain, have mercy," cried he, "Six others are with me, O, put out to sea—Away from this hell and the Turk's bloody hand, O, carry us anywhere far from this land!"

The blood of the Briton within him was stirred. "Aboard with them, drift their boat loose," was his word To his mate. To his steward, "Now give them relief In the shape of a meal on our good British beef." The words were scarce uttered when, scenting their prey, Twelve broad-turbaned Turks rushed up the gangway, And one of them gruffly, "Now give us," cried he, "The Armenians aboard, ere you put out to sea."

Then up spoke the Captain, "No, never will I While the British flag floats o'er my ship, I will die And so will my men, every man of my crew, Before we'll surrender these victims to you." They insisted, entreated and talked themselves hoarse, And swore if denied them they'd take them by force. The limit of time they would fix at next day Precisely at sunrise, and then rowed away.

Alone in the harbor, no friendly ship nigh, With night on the water and clouds in the sky, The Briton bethought him of help down the bay, Where at anchor a cruiser from Italy lay. So he manned up his gig and he muffled his oars, And out in the darkness, away from the shores Of Smyrna, he sailed till he lay at the last Where the ship of King Humbert her anchor had cast.

Then he spoke to her captain, "Commander," quoth he, "I have here refugees from Armenia with me; In the name of the flag of my country, and more, In the name of humanity, help I implore!" "I am here, sir," the haughty Commander replied, "To care for the subjects of Humbert, beside His interests no other have I. As for you, Your queen must protect her own subjects, adieu."

Dawn broke, the Boyne's furnaces reddened like gore, The steam from her safety valves hissed, and before The sun's rising the ship's crew were all on the deck. Soon, out through the mists, they discovered a speck

Pricking out from the haze, fast it grew, mid the din.

"Bring my glass," cried the Captain, "A ship's coming in!"

He leveled his glasses—"Now heaven be praised, 'Tis the white Minneapolis." Then how they raised Three wild British cheers for the stripes and the stars O'er America's warship, those brave British tars!

Then quickly the gig from her davits was swung, And their ensign reversed from the balyards was hung, It was all understood ere the rippling tide Brought the Captain along to the great warship's side Where the strong "Jacob's ladder" was dropped, and it seemed Like the vision of old, when the patriarch dreamed Of the succoring angels. His story was told, And a friend he soon found in the Admiral bold.

"Those men, every one, you shall carry from port If I bombard the town and riddle their fort," Spake the Admiral. Then, "Man a barge, let all join" (Was his order) "to save refugees on the Boyne." Soon the Boyne shipped her cables, and sailing forth free, The white Minneapolis bore her to sea, Till safely from port she could trust her to go To the land where th' oppressor no harbor can know.

Then a farewell she gave and three loud rousing cheers Rose over the waters to gladden the ears Of England's brave sailors, and then three times three For America's braves wafted over the sea! But as good Captain Fisher steamed up New York Bay His papers were wanting, and all he could say Was to tell just this story—how *Selfridge* and he Brought the stricken Armenians over the sea.

Old England, we all know, believes in *Free Trade*, But we're sure that whenever request shall be made For American *Protection* 'twill ever be given As freely as air or as sunshine from heaven!

ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

Doors and windows that are troublesome to open and shut on account of being swollen by damp weather will often run easily if castile soap is rubbed along the places that stick fast.

Water is more apt to be impure in winter than at other seasons, because the ice upon its surface prevents a sufficient oxidation of the organic matter which collects thereon. And contaminated drinking water is the prolific source of typhoid.

Besides making the bed of an invalid as comfortable as possible, special care should be exercised to have it thoroughly aired. The whole bed should be taken to pieces every morning and each piece of bed clothing, as well as the mattress, separately exposed to the action of the air.

A German scientist says that a sprig of parsley dipped in vinegar and eaten after one has partaken of onions will remove all evidence of odor from that wholesome but objectionable vegetable. A spoonful of vinegar in the water in which they are boiled is also recommended as a preventive of odor.

An attempt to revive the fashion of canopied bedsteads and bed curtains should be frowned upon. Such appendages may be "artistic," but they are unhygienic. The folding bed is also inconsistent with the most healthful conditions for sleep, although much can be said in its favor on the ground of economy of space.

It should be borne in mind that lung troubles are not generated by breathing cold air, but by inhaling that which is warm, impure and stagnant. Consumption is essentially a house disease, and coughs and colds are cured rather than caused by cold air. For this reason do not hesitate to let full draughts of pure cold air into the sleeping-room. Frost is both a tonic and a microbe killer.

Closet and Altar

Prayer is a faithful messenger we send to the throne of God to call him to our aid in the time of need.

A man who is destitute knows how to pray. He needs not any instructor. His miseries indoctrinate him wonderfully into the art of offering prayer. Let us know ourselves destitute, that we may know how to pray; destitute of strength, of wisdom, of due influence, of true happiness, of proper faith, of thorough consecration, of the knowledge of the Scriptures, of righteousness.—George Bowen.

And I smiled to think God's greatness Flowed around our incompleteness, Round our restlessness his rest.

—Mrs. Browning.

The child of God is called to the blessed privilege of living every moment of his life in fellowship with God. He is called to enjoy the full light of his countenance. . . . He came not to dwell near us but to be in us, that we might be filled with his indwelling. That is the whole teaching of the epistle to the Hebrews—the veil is rent in twain; we have access into the holiest of all by the blood of Jesus; we come into the very presence of God so that we can live all the day with that presence resting upon us. —Andrew Murray.

By Christ's rule of life the divine ideal of "heaven every day" can be enjoyed by all the sorrowing children of men. It will come through a faith which reasons in this wise: The infinite Creator is my Heavenly Father. He sustains me at this moment and therefore I must be a part of his divine plan. Am I tried beyond measure? The apparent evil is a stepping-stone to some greater good. By simply accepting what my highest reason tells me must be true, by receiving the experience of this moment as the will of God, the veriest dross will be turned into fine gold, anxiety will be changed to joy. The heart will go out in love to every creature. The peace which passeth understanding will abide in the soul.—T. F. Seward.

I know not by what methods rare, But this I know—God answers prayer.

I know that he has given his word Which tells me prayer is always heard,

And will be answered, soon or late, And so I pray and calmly wait;

Assured that he will grant my quest, Or send some answer far more blest.

© Lord, our everlasting and gracious Father, thou art ever ready to hear us when we call upon thee. We come to thee in all our weakness, with our sins and many transgressions, and thank thee that the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son cleanseth us from all sin. We thank thee for thy gracious help in times past, and pray that we may always feel thy loving presence, and that our hearts may be so full of Christ that there will not be room therein for any evil thought. We pray that thou wilt guard us from unseen dangers, and guide us in all times of temptation. Help us, we beseech thee, to be sons and daughters of the King. Help us that we may, day by day, live nearer to thee. We ask it for the love of Christ and in his name. Amen.

Tangles.

[For the leisure hour recreation of old and young. Any reader who can contribute odd and curious enigmas, etc., of a novel and interesting kind is invited to do so, addressing the Puzzle Editor of The Congregationalist.]

107. PATRIOTIC ACROSTIC.

1. In Boston Harbor, what was cast
In anger on the sea?
2. What did the Pilgrim Fathers take
This new-found land to be?
3. What was the name this country bare
Long ere our fathers came?
4. And what the name they gave the land?
We call it still the same.
5. And who oppressed our fathers once,
And caused them to rebel?
6. And what did they refuse to be
Who once had served him well?
7. What did the brave Miles Standish gain
When with the foe he fought?
8. Who shed our fathers' blood and to
Exterminate them sought.
9. And when they with the redcoats strove,
At last what did they gain?
10. What for our land did they achieve?
Long may it ours remain!
11. Then what did they at once become?
(Grown greater every day)!
12. And for ourselves what have we done,
And hope to do, alway?
13. What noble document of state
Are we still proud to show?
14. And who the signers? Boast we now
If their blood in us flow!
15. And what the nickname given us
As a nation, till this day?

Now take these PRIMALS—solve this rhyme—
And glad your homage pay.

F. A.

108. WORD HUNT.

In a town famed in song and story find: 1. A distinguished astronomer. 2. A famous ship. 3. A mountain piled high. 4. A sea spread wide. 5. A man sung by a poet. 6. A historical or legendary tale. 7. A woman of Bible times. 8. A town mentioned in Numbers. 9. A food for cattle. 10. A food for man. 11. One who never spoke but once. 12. A king of old who suffered defeat. 13. The dependence of the Romans when upon the sea. 14. A Turkish officer of high degree. 15. A term used in heraldry. 16. An ancient Southern constellation. 17. A river in Switzerland. 18. A public square. 19. A good king. 20. A Chaldean astronomical period. 21. Somewhat heavy. 22. Something light. 23. The rough bark of certain trees. 24. A worthless thing. 25. A fish of the pike genus. 26. A fish found in the Mediterranean. 27. Ancient Anglo-Saxon money, value 1s. 8d. 28. Surname of one painter, Christian name of another.

MARGARET HOSMER.

109. TRANSPOSITION.

(The Most Wicked King.)

A ***** lay wrapped in his ***** gray,
Watching the moonbeams' ***** play;
On a keg in the bushes low he lay,
And this song did he sing:

"Thou ***** the weak, thou ***** the strong;
The ***** of great nations to thee doth belong!"
And the leaves with a ***** took up the song—
"John Barleycorn the king."

F. E. C.

110. DROPPED TERMINALS.

My *oo* little friend, please put on your *oo* and come and take a walk with me this *oo*, while the wind is gently blowing over the *oo*. Do not hit your *oo* against that *oo* in the path. We will go to the old house on the edge of the *oo*, and see how many curious things we can find under its *oo*. You once had to pull a *oo* of string to raise the latch, the *oo* being fastened with a *oo*, but now it stands open. We will go in this *oo* first. What is that large thing in the back corner? That is a *oo* on which they wove their cloth, the warp and *oo* of which was *oo*. This they *oo* off their sheep, thus making them *oo* in summer. The next

thing is a *oo* I do not know the use of. There is a horn upon which they used to *oo*. On this shelf is a big *oo*, and in this corner lies an old *oo*, and a *oo*. On this old stand are some pictures at which we will *oo*. One is a *oo* swimming on a lake, then a *oo* among some rocks, and a *oo* and some others. From this window we see quite a *oo* of water, which must have looked beautiful when the *oo* was shining. This old fireplace is where they used to *oo*. Take a peep up the enormous chimney; I think you will not get any *oo* or *oo* in your face. What a *oo* to the housekeeper, in preparing *oo*, is a *oo* stove. *oo* we will go out to the shed. Here is a *oo* old *oo*, but its *oo* is sealed. One living here would much oftener hear the *oo* of the owls than the *oo* of cannon. *oo*! but we are not in the *oo* to go farther today.

RETIA.

111. DECAPITATION.

Something which fastens or binds,
Which closely unites or confines,
When it to its fellow inclines,
As a TOTAL is reckoned.
Something which sheds its bright ray,
To aid us at work or at play,
When evening succeeds to the day,
This is SECOOD.

BITTER SWEET.

ANSWERS.

100. Man-drill.
101. One and one-half feet.
102. Sister.
103. 1. M. (M-Adam.) 2. Y. (Lad-y.) 3. O. (O-pin-ion.) 4. O. (O-range.) 5. S. (S-ewer.) 6. P. (P-ar-son.) 7. M. (M-Orpheus.)
104. Pray, ray, ay.
105. 1. Pri-son. 2. Poi-son. 3. Ar-son. 4. Ma-son. 5. Trea-son. 6. Son-orous. 7. Garri-son. 8. Rea-son. 9. Bi-son. 10. Son-ata.
106. To let.

With a little "coaxing" our Tangle class was induced to find "many ways to sing." While two or three of the class found the effort somewhat "magnetizing," however, it was "agonizing" to others, and it was made quite "vexing" by some "wheezing" and a few incongruous attempts at "waltzing." Out of the discord a few tangles brought harmony. Those from whom complete and correct lists were received within about twelve days were: A. G. S., Merrimacport, Mass.; Julia E. Sanford, Westfield, Mass.; Katherine C. Eastman, Nashua, N. H.; R. M. F., Brookline, Mass.; H. H., Sherbrooke, Quebec; Mrs. G. E. Aiken, Newton, Mass.; Mrs. F. W. Bostwick, Medina, O.; Lottie Alice Wilson, Boscawen, N. H.; Old Fellow, Boston, Mass. Not more than two or three of the lists agree exactly in the words given, the best in all respects being clearly that of Old Fellow, Boston, Mass., to whom the prize book is awarded. In this list, as in several others, the nineteenth word is given as "pressing," which seems to fit better than the answer of the author.

Other solvers of 98 and other recent tangles are: E. J. Whiton, Waterbury, Ct.; Mrs. J. D. French, Braintree, Mass.; C. R. Hooker, Winter Park, Fla.; 96, 97, 98; Frances E. Duane, Ogdensburg,

N. Y.; 98; Phineas Hubbard, Cambridge, Mass.; 98; Mary E. Thomas, Forest Grove, Ore.; 98; Salera P. Bartholomew, Bristol, Ct.; 96, 97, 98; Mrs. F. E. Cotton, Woburn, Mass.; 98; Miss W. F. Thomson, N. Wilbraham, Mass.; 98; Margaret H. Rogers, Bar Harbor, Me.; 98; Julia E. Sanford, Westfield, Mass.; 95, 97; Katherine C. Eastman, Nashua, N. H.; 96; one whose list bears neither name nor address, 98.

As the "Word Hunt" (108) offers a most interesting and instructive exercise, a prize of a fine fountain Pen—of gold and ebonite—will be given to the reader sending the best answer. If there should be a tie neatness will count among the merits. All solutions must reach this office as early as Dec. 15.

A convenient article to have in the kitchen is a medium-sized paper pad, with a lead pencil attached, on which the housewife can jot down articles to be purchased when she goes to market. The slip of paper is easily torn off, and one need not tax her memory to keep in mind all the articles that are needed. The pad can also be used for jotting down little jobs of work to be done that otherwise might be overlooked.

"Of course," said grandpa to his wife, "of course the fight is all over, grandma, and I was a gold man from start to finish, but I want to tell you one thing: I love your hair just as much now when it is silver as I did when it was massed gold." And the old couple smiled and were happy.—Harper's Bazar.

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The Conversation Corner.

THERE are three things I wish to get into this Corner, if there is room. The first is a letter from our good missionary friend, Dr. Grenfell, of the Deep Sea Mission. Those of you who saw him in New England last winter will recognize him in the picture, with his noble dog under his arm and his stalwart crew around him. They look as though they were faithful helpers in the adventurous and perilous cruises of the *Sir Donald* among the rocks and icebergs of that wild coast.

RED BAY, LABRADOR.

My Dear Mr. Martin: . . . I am going to take Pomiuk to Battle Harbour for the winter, where Sister Williams will remain, so that he will have another long cruise in the *Sir Donald*. He is much the same, has neither gained nor lost since the summer began. But we doctors here consider it a hopeless case, and can only try to make the last year or two of his brief life happy and comfortable. Yet in God's infinite providence it has not been lived in vain. It has brought the help of your Corner to our work, and will thus indirectly in God's hands prove a boon to many a sick and injured one, I trust, after Pomiuk has passed into the presence of the King.

Please call him "Gabriel" when you write him. He does not like to retain the old name. He looks on the new name as part of his salvation and—as all Eskimo are taught on this coast—on his baptism as his beginning to rank as a redeemed person. I will write you about the Cot later. Battle Hospital is full and overflowing. Praise to God also for souls saved this summer! Altogether I may sign myself, Yours in perfect happiness, health and affection for you,

WILFRED GRENFELL.

We are sorry to think that there is less hope of permanent recovery, but we are glad that in God's kind providence the poor boy is safe and happy in a Christian hospital, with everything done for his comfort and relief; and, above all, that he has learned to love and trust the Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful that we have had the opportunity of keeping him in that "Corner Cot," and we will not cease to keep him there by our little gifts as long as he needs a cot or a home on the earth.

Now for the second thing. It is suggested by the first. There are thousands of children today in Turkey whose parents have been cruelly killed, and who are without home or clothes or food. They live close to our American missionaries, who know about their need and sufferings and can help them—if we in our prosperous and happy country will furnish the means. I have just read over the articles about it in *The Congregationalist* of Nov. 12 and 19. You will then see how much good our few mites can do for those poor, starving children:

\$5 will house and clothe one orphan for one year. \$10 will provide home, clothing and food for one orphan for five months, that is, till the winter is over.

Which share shall we take? *We must take one!* We Cornerers have kept the saddlebags twins, Aram and Vahan, at an Armenian school for a year; we have kept O Sumi San and O Hana San in the Okayama Orphanage, I do not know how long; we are gladly keeping Pomiuk, the Eskimo orphan, in the Shore Hospital in Labrador; of course we must have a hand in this good work too! So put your hand in your pocket or in your "bank" and take out a nickel or a dime or a quarter or more, "as God has prospered you," and hand it to me to make up the "Corner share for the Arme-

nian Orphans." Do it soon, do it before Dec. 25—it will be a beautiful Christmas gift to your little brothers and sisters in the ancient land of the Bible who are in such terrible trouble. The Lord of Christmas will love you all the more for doing this "In his name!"

My thirdly is about our Corner Party. We have really had two gatherings before in the name of the Corner—one a patriotic pilgrimage through "old Boston" in April, 1894, with Charles Carleton Coffin as our guide; the other during the great C. E. Convention in 1895 in Miss Dyer's room at *Congregationalist* headquarters, when Mr. Whittemore provided us with bonbons and lemonade. But these were not genuine children's parties like this one I am going to tell you of now.

This was for the children! It was held Saturday afternoon, Nov. 14, at the beautiful home of Mrs. Charles Carleton Coffin in Brookline. It was first planned before the sudden death of Mr. Coffin last spring, so that a pleasant memory of that good man was a kind of benediction on all our meeting. How he would have enjoyed it, for



he loved youth and wrote largely for them. When some mention was made of his popular books, as *The Boys of '76*, *Daughters of the Revolution*, *Life of Lincoln*, *Drumbeat of the Nation*, *Marching to Victory*, *Redeeming the Republic*, *Freedom Triumphant*, one boy spoke up quickly, "I have just read *Dan of Millbrook*"—that is a new edition of one of his earliest books, a story of country life in New Hampshire, known then as "Caleb Kringie."

Some grown-up people were admitted by courtesy—like the new Brookline pastor whose picture was in *The Congregationalist* a few weeks ago, the Shawmut Church pastor, the Lady from the Library at the Congregational House, the Home and Literary Editors, etc. But they had to take back seats, while the real Cornerers filled the parlor. I cannot remember them all, but the oldest was doubtless the one with the antediluvian name—do you know her?—with Rose and Emily, Clara, Cornelia and Caro, and little Beth. If Marguerite and Marjorie count the same as Margaret, that was the banner name, with the Helens (including Eleanor) as a close second, and the Dorotheas too. For boys, there was Winthrop, the Puritan governor, Bruce, the Scottish chieftain, Harold, the Saxon king, the two Ralphs, with such Scotch names as Robert and Donald, and English names, as Carleton, Charles, Sherwin and Thurlow.

All these names (perhaps others) I heard as Mr. Bridgman, the Managing Editor, who was master of ceremonies, called the roll and started the games. "Stage coach" came first, and what a hustling there was among the girls and boys when "it" called out "*Boston*!" Then we were taught the "Shailer Street sneeze," one division at a given signal shouting *hish*, another *hash* and the rest *hosh*—a sneeze which worked in well later when we wished to give three cheers for Mrs. Coffin and others! It was some time before all could repeat,

The moon is round like a cheese,
Has two eyes, a nose and a mouth,

to suit the manager. The "electric shock" was given to three children who went out and, when we had fixed on some metallic object for them to touch, returned. When one of them chanced to touch that object, we all screamed *hish, hash, hosh*—and that was the shock! Do Cornerers remember *Kit su ne ken*, the Japanese game introduced to them Feb. 23, 1893? We played that in merry style, with a piano accompaniment to

Chon kina, chon kina,
Chon, chon, kina, kina,

although it was not always easy to tell quickly enough whether the fox, the man or the gun was the right sign to be made. We also "chose sides" and had a geography game and a brisk contest to see which of two divisions could pass down the lines and back, one by one, a basket of clothes pins. The best was saved to the last—an entertainment in sleight of hand, kindly contributed by two young physicians, who were introduced by Mr. B. as "leaving a seemingly large and lucrative practice" to amuse us children. They succeeded! They tore up a Japanese handkerchief and straightway mended it again with their "magic wand"; they drew a couple of live rabbits and lots of other things out of an empty box; they took eggs—four of them—out of the "other doctor's" mouth, cooking one in a silk hat; and to cap the climax took several rings from the children, pounded them up (apparently), put them into an old pistol, fired them into an old bottle, broke the bottle with a hammer and drew out a little live guinea pig, suspended to whose neck by a blue ribbon were the veritable rings, unharmed! This was so, for they put the guinea pig into my hands, and afterwards gave him to Bruce to take home. Sarah Noah said she knew how some of these wonders were done, and the keen-eyed boys in front looked very wise, but it was certainly a very fine performance, and we *hish-hash-hoshed* the prestidigitators heartily.

Then the children marched and counter-marched into the dining-room, where they showed their sleight of hand in disposing of Mrs. Coffin's collation. I counted them and there were just *twenty-six*, the traditional Corner number! Another curious thing was that, although not so designed, the party was held on the anniversary of the starting of the Corner, ten years ago. The old-style, large *Congregationalist* of Nov. 11, 1886, was shown with the first "Corner." [I omit an unimportant paragraph.—D. F.]

Mr. Martin

The Sunday School

LESSON FOR DEC. 13.

Prov. 23: 15-25.

CAUTIONS AGAINST INTEMPERANCE.

BY REV. A. E. DUNNING, D. D.

There is enough good sense in this lesson to make a boy's fortune, if he will take it to himself. It points out noble living and its rewards. We will fix our thoughts on four counsels:

1. Listen to your parents' advice, for thus you will gladden their lives [vs. 15, 16, 22, 24, 25]. Don't forget that the heart is the whole being—affections, intellect, will. In this first verse the father says, "My son, if thou art honorable in all thy character, all my being will exult in thee." A letter lies before me. It was not written to me, but to another man. Incidentally, it refers to my son. It speaks of him as wholly devoted to a good work, and honors his usefulness. No compliment to myself would appeal to me as those words do. I am stronger to work because of them, and all my life is brighter. So sons and daughters give back life to those who gave them life. God is our father. From our own feelings we may understand his. He is our mother also. All the pride, the tenderness, the glad sense of possession felt by parents for their children are only faint reflections of the mind and heart of God. We cannot all wisely follow all the counsels of our parents. But the counsel of our Heavenly Father is always the same: "Buy the truth, and sell it not; yea, wisdom and instruction and understanding." That we can do. It is a life business, and our success in it is God's pride and joy. The highest privilege we have is to make God glad by holy living, and to be glad in him. No wonder the Westminster divines began their catechism by declaring, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever."

2. Listen not to sinners, for there is reward for right doing [vs. 17-19]. Verse 17 means, Don't be hungry for what sinners enjoy, but be hungry all the time for what the Lord gives. Almost the same thought is illustrated by Paul's saying: "Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot; but be filled with the Spirit." If you want to be drunk, to be licentious, to be rich through cheating your neighbors, you are as unworthy and mean as though your desires were satisfied. If you want to be in awe of God, you will see him. If your heart burns for sin, it will be consumed by and by. If your heart burns for God, he will fill you with his Spirit. "Surely there is an end." There is a reward, good or evil, which is an inevitable result of our ruling desires. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." What do you want most? Let parents, let experience, let the Word of God teach you how to rule and kindle your desires. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

3. Keep appetite in subjection, for when uncontrolled it destroys life [vs. 20, 21]. This is a specific illustration of the counsel just given. Don't let your appetites run away with your head and heart. If you do, your appetites will measure your worth. Who has not heard surprise expressed because there are so many attractive unmarried women, and so many wives whose husbands are unworthy of them? It takes only half an eye to see the reason. If men are scarce in social circles where good women resort, it is not because the male sex is in the minority. Walk along the city streets at night where barrooms are numerous, and look into the windows. Stand before the doors of theaters which respectable women avoid, about the time when the performance closes, and watch the crowds of men pour out. There are men enough—but look at their faces. What true, refined woman would want to live with one of these as his wife? Such men drag down with them their wives, if they have them. Winebibbers make drunkards; riotous flesh eaters make glut-

tons. Drunkenness and gluttony make poverty and rags. Of all base things the most repulsive is that poverty of soul of which rags are the appropriate sign. When fleshly appetite rules a man he is dead to all that makes manhood, and one of the strongest appetites, which easily grows beyond control, is the appetite for intoxicating drink. Drinking as a habit is dangerous. It may easily become vicious. If your manhood is precious to you, let liquor alone. There is no noble living without an appetite for God.

4. Know what is true and be true, for so you make glad those who love you [vs. 23-25]. Wisdom calls and pleads. "All the things that may be desired are not to be compared unto her." "Whoso findeth me findeth life," she says. "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Choose wisdom, then. Make the great decision now. If you have made it, renew it today. It needs to be often renewed; and the church services, the Sunday school, the social circle of believers are great boons to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for all these are opportunities to repeat the great decision to serve God. In response to our resolve he fills us with himself, and the God-filled man or woman is the best and noblest of all his creations.

To get the truth and hold it is to be a blessing. It makes our parents glad and our friends. It makes God glad. It is the highest success realized. Seek God with all your heart and you shall be filled with his Spirit. You shall be able to crush every evil desire within you. You shall be lovable and beloved. You shall have influence over others and shall uplift them. You shall know the secret of God and shall have power with him. I pray that you may "know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God."

THE OUTLOOK IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

The first snowstorm covered the entire northern half of the State to a depth of from six to fifteen inches, making country work in many places difficult. The State never has had so early a snow since the big three-day storm of Oct. 16, 1880. The fall commenced Oct. 29, and continued at intervals nearly every day for a time. Rough feed was plentiful, but being stacked on the prairie was inaccessible, and in consequence the price advanced. The deep fall of snow is considered favorable to good crops next year. The average yield of grain has been good, which, with rising prices, brings steady improvement in business interests. The shipments of stock from the State have been enormous, exceeding those of any recent year. No State is better prepared to take advantage of the generally advancing conditions of the whole country than is South Dakota. Newly projected lines of railway are proposed, connecting the western with the eastern portion of the State—a connection greatly needed for commercial, social and religious interests. The southern fever is giving way to more healthful contentment.

Congregational interests in every department were never more firmly planted. They have steadily strengthened, notwithstanding the hard years. Nowhere have pastors been more loyal. The full rewards do not yet appear. German Congregational work has made conservative yet marked progress, thanks to the united efforts of the C. S. S. and P. S. and the C. H. M. S. Yankton College, with Pres. H. K. Warren and a strong corps of professors, is steadily gaining, as evidenced by the increased number of advanced students. Redfield College is laboring with undaunted courage in the erection of a new building, already approaching completion. The trustees of this institution are to be commended for their "pay as you go" plan. Workmen are remunerated in full each week, and the work then stops until sufficient money is in sight to allow for resuming it.

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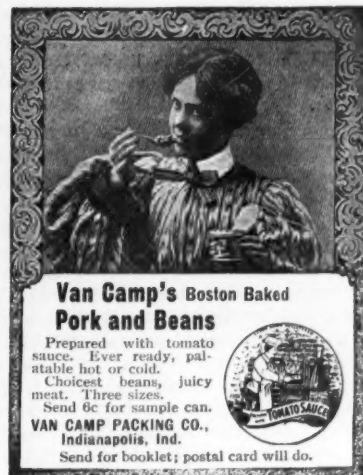
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Current and Recent Literature.

What the Reading Public This Year Owes to Authors and Publishers.

THE BOOKS OF 1896.

It is a surprise that the financial stress of the past year has made so small an impression in the field of literature. The number of publications issued by the chief houses of this country appears to be even larger than last year and if the number of elaborate and exceptionally costly publications be smaller than usual, there is little, if any, diminution in the number of important works. Moreover, the resources of mechanics and art have been drawn upon as freely as ever to secure charming as well as substantial results. In accordance with our custom at this season we indicate this week some of the more notable books in which our readers may be assumed to have special interest.

If we first consider books *Religious or Theological*, it is, perhaps, *The Mind of the Master* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50], by Rev. John Watson, D. D., "Ian Maclaren," which occurs at once to recollection. Illustrating his mature thought and remarkable power of lucid expression, it sets forth his understanding of Christ's utterances in regard to the great themes of Christianity—faith, immortality, sin, suffering, etc. It is not a treatise on systematic theology but an attempt to interpret our Lord more intelligibly to waiting souls. It is full of fresh and intelligent spiritual sympathy and not without touches of the humor which has helped to make his novels so delightful. With this one thinks naturally of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's *The Gospel for an Age of Doubt* [Macmillan Co. \$1.75], as learned and even profound as it is sympathetic and timely. Weightier in some respects and deriving a certain importance from the writer's official position, is *Moral Evolution* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00] by Prof. George Harris, D. D., of Andover. It urges that self-preservation and self development are vital to human progress toward the divine ideal. Accepting the doctrine of evolution, the author seeks to find in it the interpretation of the moral and spiritual development of mankind. The book marks a radical change from the theology of the famous seminary creed, but is a powerful contribution to the solution of some modern theological problems. In this connection may be noticed *Evolution and Dogma* [McBride & Co. \$2.00] by Rev. J. A. Zahm of the University of Notre Dame. It is specially significant in that it is a study of evolution from the Roman Catholic point of view. It indicates that modern scientific conclusions may be accepted in the Roman Catholic Church to a greater degree than many have supposed.

Another suggestive work is *Agnosticism and Religion* [Scribners, \$1.00] by Professor Schurman of Cornell; a scientific endeavor to show the validity of Christian thought as contrasted with materialistic science. It is a valuable book for young men puzzled by the alleged uncertainties of the religious teaching of our day. Man's origin and development through conformity to environment also is the theme of *The Whence and Whither of Man* [Scribners, \$1.75], in which are issued Prof. J. M. Tyler's Morse lectures of 1895 before the Union Theological Seminary. It embodies an able and Christian interpretation of

the evolutionary theory without conceding Weissman's limitations, and ranks with important productions on this topic. Dr. A. H. Bradford's *Heredity and Christian Problems* [Macmillans, \$1.50], which came out late last year, is a keen study of heredity and environment in their bearings upon Christ and his service. Prof. J. A. Beet's *The New Life in Christ* [Eaton & Mains, 75 cents] also makes deep and abiding spiritual impressions after the manner of the old-fashioned Methodism.

Rev. Frederic Palmer's *Studies in Theological Definition* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] discusses some vital doctrines of the gospel and interprets profound truth in terms for plain people, suggesting vividly the organic relation of God through the church to humanity, and perhaps putting more emphasis thereon than many readers will concede. Canon Gore's *Dissertations on Subjects Connected with the Incarnation* [Scribners, \$2.50] supplements the famous Bampton Lectures of 1891 and, in defending the doctrine of the virgin birth of our Lord and opposing the theory of transubstantiation and otherwise, does good service against materialism and the extreme claims of the Romanizing wing of the Anglican Church. Professor Salmond of the Free Church College of Aberdeen, in his *Christian Doctrine of Immortality* [Scribners, \$5.00], has made an important contribution to the comprehension of the Scriptures. He combats the doctrine of conditional immortality, sees no Scriptural ground for restorationism, opposes millennialism and rejects the doctrine of an intermediate state. So much is said at present referring to Buddhism that such a book as Prof. T. W. R. Davids's *Buddhism* [Putnams, \$1.50], the first series of the American Lectures on Religion, deserves mention. It is a clear account of the greatest system of pantheistic philosophy which the world has known and therefore timely and worth study.

Dr. E. W. Donald's *Lowell Lectures, The Expansion of Religion* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], also deserve note. Prepared from the point of view of a working clergyman, they are characterized by a discrimination and a spirit of optimism which justify their popularity and will insure their permanent usefulness. Prof. William James's philosophical and essentially Christian answer to the question, *Is Life Worth Living?* [S. B. Weston, 50 cents] has had a wide and well-merited reception. Moreover, although we have not yet been able to review it, we call attention to Dr. Samuel Harris's great work, *God, the Creator and Lord of All* [Scribners, \$5.00], which has just been published. We should mention also a somewhat unique book, *The Diary of a Japanese Convert* [Revell, \$1.00], by Kanza Uchi-muro. A record of practical experience, it is a striking portrayal of intellectual change followed by spiritual development, and its simplicity renders it the more enjoyable.

Taking up *Biblical History and Criticism*, we note first the important *History of the Warfare of Science and Theology in Christendom* [Appletons, \$5.00], in which ex-Pres. A. D. White has embodied his exhaustive studies. He concludes that dogmatic theology uniformly has opposed the advance of science and always has been

obliged to yield because it had gone beyond its proper field. Much of his contention in this respect must be conceded, but he has no purpose antagonistic to Christianity which, in spite of its faults, he shows to have been a powerfully controlling element in human life. His work is of great importance, whether one agrees or disagrees with his conclusions. Less elaborate but equally scholarly is the volume of Prof. A. C. Zeno's, *Elements of the Higher Criticism* [Fenn & Wagnalls, \$1.00], an acute examination of the legitimacy, purpose, method and history of the higher criticism. Prof. G. P. Fisher's *History of Christian Doctrine* [Scribners, \$2.50] is up to date as a summary of philosophical and theological development and is at once comprehensive, thorough and judicially candid. The supplementary volume of *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* [Christian Literature Co. \$4.00], edited by Prof. Allan Menzies, which includes the Gospel of Peter, the Diatessaron of Tatian, etc., is of the first importance to Biblical scholars.

Sir J. W. Dawson in *Eden Lost and Won* [Revell Co. \$1.25] has added another important contribution to the list of Biblical interpretations. His archaeological knowledge gives special weight to his judgments. It is noteworthy that he wholly abandons the theory of the universality of the deluge, and he discusses this and all such topics with a calmness and fullness which promote confidence in his conclusions.

Dr. H. C. Trumbull is remarkably prolific in books of importance. One more of his, *The Threshold Covenant* [Scribners, \$2.00], discusses the beginnings of religious rites. The threshold, he holds, was the first altar. The sacrifices there made were signs and seals of a covenant between those within the house and those without. From this modern forms of worship and observance have been developed and also, by mistaken direction, the idolatrous religions of the old world have grown. The interest and suggestiveness of such a treatise is apparent and his interpretation of the significance of the Passover is especially striking. The second volume of *History, Prophecy and the Monuments* [Macmillan Co. \$3.00], by Prof. J. F. McCurdy, also has come out. It continues the story of Israel to the fall of Nineveh, showing how the history of the leading nations of the ancient Oriental world illustrates the career and the downfall of Israel. It points out how the Hebrews alone, of all the Semitic peoples, realized the true idea of a nation.

The lectures of Professor Scott of Chicago Seminary at Princeton on *The Origin and Development of the Nicene Theory* [Chicago Seminary Press, \$1.50] deal with topics much in discussion at present, controvert the teaching of Ritschl and his school, confute the theory that doctrines reflect only practical relations of the gospel and not necessarily objective realities, dispute also the position that the gospel miracles are unnecessary to Christian faith, and ably oppose rashness in accepting interpretations of Christian truth. Their positive teaching of course is able, also. The ninth and tenth volumes of Renan's *History of Israel* [Roberts Bros. \$2.50] complete one of the late author's great works. He

believed Christianity to be an evolution from Judaism and itself only a step in the way to some new religion, probably scientific, rational and without revelation. His discussion of the subject is eminently readable, although far from convincing. Quite by itself and intensely interesting stands Prof. Richard Moulton's *Literary Study of the Bible* [Heath & Co. \$1.00]. Apparently intended for students of English literature in higher institutions of learning, it avoids the direct discussion of problems of the higher criticism and theology, and demonstrates afresh and powerfully the superiority of the Bible over all other literature.

Turning to *Devotional Literature*, we commend Rev. Floyd Tomkins's *The Christian Life* [Dutton. 75 cents] as eminently wise and stimulating; Dean Farrar's admirably practical *The Paths of Duty* [Crowell. 35 cents]; Rev. F. B. Meyer's *David, Shepherd, Psalmist, King* [Revell. \$1.00], which accepts the traditional view of the authorship of the Psalms and uses them as expressing the external and internal history of the king; and the same writer's *Light on Life's Duties* [Revell. 50 cents], which is sympathetic and helpful; Dr. J. F. Miller's *Things to Live For* [Crowell. \$1.00], which touches life at many points; Rev. Andrew Murray's *The Master's Indwelling and The Deeper Christian Life* [Revell. 75 cents and 50 cents]; Dodd, Mead & Co.'s series of *Little Books on Religion*, in which appeared Dr. W. R. Nicoll's *Seven Words from the Cross*, Dr. John Watson's *The Upper Room* and the late Dr. R. W. Dale's *Christ and the Future Life* [Each 50 cents]; Dr. H. C. Trumbull's thoughtful and stimulating treatise on *Prayer* [Wattles. 75 cents] is as inspiring as it is profound, and the same author's sympathetic and comforting book, *In Tribulation* [Wattles. 75 cents], is very helpful.

Volumes of notable *Sermons* have been few. Among the best are Dr. F. A. Noble's *The Divine Life in Man and Other Sermons* [Revell], in which the central themes of the gospel are discussed with wise comprehension of human needs; Dr. P. H. Moxom's *The Religion of Hope* [Roberts Brothers. \$1.25], which is full of inspiring Christian optimism; and the volume of discourses delivered in college chapels by Rt. Rev. William Lawrence of Massachusetts and entitled *Visions of Service* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], which discusses problems of faith and doubt for the benefit of thoughtful minds. The late Dr. J. P. Coyle's *Rand lectures at Iowa College*, entitled *The Spirit in Literature and Life* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], in which intellectual breadth and spiritual alertness and earnestness are conspicuous, form an honorable memorial of its author. In Dr. Alexander MacLaren's *The Beatitudes* [Macmillan. \$1.50] the author's richness of spiritual experience imparts power to a style of the utmost simplicity; *The Great Charter of Christ* [Whittaker. \$1.50], by Rt. Rev. W. B. Carpenter, the Bishop of Ripon, a series of fresh and forcible studies of the Sermon on the Mount; and *The Epistle of James and Other Discourses* [Armstrong. \$1.50], by the late Dr. R. W. Dale, a characteristically living and stirring exposition of the most practical of the epistles, must not be overlooked.

Two or three additional religious books ought to be mentioned at this point. One is *Baptism as Taught by the Master* [Cong. Pub. Soc. 50 cents], an acute and candid study by Prof. R. R. Lloyd, D. D.; and another

is *The Council Manual* [Cong. Pub. Soc. 10 cents], which needs no comment. It already is finding acceptance.

A pleasant connecting link, so to speak, between the foregoing and the department of *Secular History* is Dr. E. H. Byington's *The Puritan in England and New England* [Roberts Bros. \$2.00], one of the most delightful productions of the year. We need only name it now. With it may be mentioned Rev. J. Gregory's *Puritanism in the Old World and in the New* [Revell. \$2.00], written from an English point of view and a sympathetic and commendable addition to the literature of the subject. Prof. Albert Weber's *History of Philosophy* [Scribners. \$2.50], translated by Prof. Frank Thilly, is a comprehensive, concise and uncommonly serviceable work. Prof. Kuno Francke's *Social Forces in German Literature* [Holt. \$2.00] is an able philosophical study in the history of civilization. Mr. G. T. Curtis's *Constitutional History of the United States* [Harpers. \$3.00] is completed by the second volume, in which the author's strong prejudices are apparent but do not invalidate the worth of the treatise. The fourth volume of Hon. Theodore Roosevelt's *The Winning of the West* [Putnam. \$2.50] gives the story of Louisiana and the Northwest from 1791 to 1807. He pays a deserved tribute to the services of home missionaries in leading the development of the West.

Rev. S. D. Peet's book on *The Mound-builders* [Chicago American Antiquarian. \$3.50] is a unique and striking contribution to archaeological history. He rejects the identity of the Moundbuilders and Cliff-dwellers with the Indians, and he does not attribute to the first-named as high a degree of civilization as do many. The *Empire of the Tears and the Russians* [Putnam. \$3.00], by Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, the third volume of which has appeared, is a fascinating although somewhat strange picture of mediæval conditions influenced by modern thoughts and tendencies. The influence of the author's nationality is apparent at times, but does not impair seriously the value of the book. Mr. H. C. Lea's *History of Confession and Indulgence in the Latin Church* [Lea Bros. & Co. \$9.00] is a tremendous arraignment of the Roman Catholic system of governing the world through the confessional. It is conscientious in investigation, impartial in statement and worthy of the author's high reputation as a historian. The fourth volume of the late Prof. Herbert Tuttle's *History of Prussia* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] also is a fine piece of work, and so is Prof. George Saintsbury's *History of Nineteenth Century Literature* [Macmillan Co. \$1.50], which is sparkling as well as substantial. Two superior reprints also have been Houghton & Mifflin's beautifully illustrated new edition of John Fiske's *History of the American Revolution* [\$8.00], and Messrs. Crowell & Co.'s substantial and tasteful edition of Victor Duruy's *History of France* [\$3.00].

The list of *Biographies and Autobiographies* is no briefer this year than usual. Mrs. (Phelps) Ward's *Chapters from a Life* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], relating much of her own history and affording fine pictures of life in old Andover, Gloucester and elsewhere, is thoroughly delightful. To most of our readers the *Life and Letters of Oliver Wendell Holmes* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00], by J. T. Morse, Jr., must

be of primary interest. The biographer had a subject peculiarly susceptible of successful treatment and he has made a biography which it is not easy to lay aside. The *Life and Letters of Charles Bulfinch*, the Architect [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$5.00], edited by his granddaughter, Ellen S. Bulfinch, is of particular interest to Massachusetts readers because of the recent proposition to alter the State House in Boston, which is one of his chief architectural monuments. Governor Hutchinson [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00], of colonial fame, is the theme of a new work by J. K. Hosmer, the historian. Perhaps he has failed to maintain sufficient impartiality, but his book is a helpful study of the man and the times.

The *Life of Elias Boudinot*, LL. D., [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$6.00], edited by J. J. Boudinot, is elaborate and elegant and the high character and distinguished services of its subject, who was president of the Continental Congress, abundantly insure it a welcome. It contains many of the most valuable documents of the Revolutionary literature. Eminent in a different way, but also highly honored, was Peter Parker [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$1.50], the missionary, physician and diplomatist, whose career in China, as romantic as useful, has been narrated by Prof. G. B. Stevens and Dr. W. F. Marwick. It is one of the biographies which are specially and lastingly inspiring. So is the *Life of Cyrus W. Field* [Harpers. \$2.00], described by Isabel F. Judson. The Atlantic telegraph is not the only immense undertaking successfully carried to its issue by this distinguished American and his life story is well told.

The *Life and Letters of Maria Mitchell* [Lee & Shepard. \$2.00], by Phoebe M. Kendall, presents a distinct and striking picture of the career of this eminent scientist, one of the first of modern women to attain high distinction as well as one of the most womanly of women. Her history always must be a favorite with girl readers. Professor Sloan's *Life of James McCosh* [Scribners. \$2.50] describes ably the great metaphysician, whose presidency at Princeton College always must remain an important period in its history. Equally notable, but as a simple preacher and pastor, was the late Dr. A. J. Gordon [Revell. \$1.50], the eminent Baptist, whose services to the church and humanity are set forth in a biography carefully written by his son.

Among similar volumes dealing with eminent foreigners may be mentioned *Matthew Arnold's Letters* [Macmillan Co. \$3.00], edited by G. W. Russell, which exhibits much of the charm of the man, but which may subtract something from the exalted estimate of him which many have held. A very similar volume, *The Letters and Verses of Arthur Penrhyn Stanley* [Scribners. \$5.00], edited by Mr. R. E. Prothero, is a delightful supplement to the life of Stanley and adds much to the large and manifold interest of his career. The *Life and Adventures of George Augustus Sala* [Scribners. \$3.00] also is an entertaining story of diversified struggle and success. Mr. Sala was one of the most picturesque characters in English literary life for many years, and his account of his career is well worth reading. *Constant's Private Life of Napoleon* [Scribners. \$5.00] is another noteworthy biographical work. It is a reprint, of course, but for many years it has been disregarded. It presents an intimate

view of Napoleon's life and is a peculiarly valuable addition to the accounts of the great emperor. The third and fourth volumes of the *Memoirs of Barras* [Harpers. \$7.50] complete one of the most concealed and prejudiced, yet most significant, of the many works relating to the same period in history.

Joan of Arc is the subject of three recent volumes. One [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00], by Hon. F. C. Lowell, contains his Lowell Lectures, paying especial attention to the contest between supernaturalism and materialism. The second, *Jeanne D'Arc, Her Life and Death* [Putnam's. \$1.50], is by Mrs. Oliphant. It is written for the *Heroes of the Nations* series. The third is *Joan of Arc* [Harpers. \$2.50], by Mark Twain, which is remarkable for its clear analysis of her work and character.

No *Poems* of immortal excellence seem to have risen above the horizon recently, but some very good verse has appeared. Richard Burton's *Dumb in June* [Copeland & Day. 75 cents] reveals his exceptionally keen perception of the inner meanings of the natural world and his conspicuous ability as an artist in verse. *Songs of Day and Night* [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.50] makes pleasant revelation of a less familiar yet characteristic and admirable aspect of the versatility of Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus. *Zitella Cocke in A Doric Reed* [Copeland & Day. 75 cents] maintains a high level of sentiment and execution throughout and shows special mastery in the writing of sonnets. *Clinton Scollard's Hills of Song* [Copeland & Day. \$1.25] also illustrates good literary work inspired by a hopeful and ennobling mood. *The Pilgrim and Other Poems* [Macmillan Co. \$1.25], by Sophie Jewett (Ellen Burroughs), contains serious work of a lofty quality and not only indicates unusual present power but is full of future promise. *A Quiet Road* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by Lizette W. Reese, is a modest book, but takes one so close to the heart of nature that it must be a favorite. Robert Louis Stevenson's *Poems and Ballads* [Scribners. \$1.50] is partly new and contains all his previously published poems. It needs no characterization.

In *The Purple East* [Stone & Kimball. 75 cents] Mr. William Watson rises to a height of moral earnestness which commends him to thoughtful readers and the book exhibits him at his best. Austin Dobson's fancy controls his own work more often than any profounder motive power, but his *Story of Rosina and Other Verses* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00] is so bright and entertaining that the volume at once becomes a favorite. The late Matthew Arnold's *Lyrical Poetry of the Bible* [Macmillan Co. \$1.00] also deserves mention as setting forth the distinguished author's judgment of the literary value of the Bible. The late Christina Rossetti's *New Poems* [Macmillan Co. \$1.75] possess interest because of their authorship.

We point out now the more conspicuous *Novels* of the year. Beyond much question the first of them is *Quo Vadis* [Little, Brown & Co. \$2.00], by the Polish author, Henryk Sienkiewicz. This is a powerful delineation of the Rome of Nero's time, its luxury and profligacy and the suffering and heroism of the earlier Christians. It is at once learned and brilliant. Another also is easily selected. It is Mrs. Humphry Ward's *Sir George Tressady* [Macmillan Co. \$2.00]. It is more truly a novel than either of her

earlier writings, but is also a keen and fascinating study of English social and political life. Our detailed comments upon it are so recent that we need not dwell upon it now. Mr. S. R. Crockett's *The Gray Man* [Harpers. \$1.50] likewise is a strong book, conspicuous for painful as well as delightful features, but masterly in its portrayals of character and historic events. A peculiar story—having one chapter which we regret, but in the main exceptionally noble in sentiment and vivid and even eloquent in style—is *Without Sin* [H. S. Stone & Co.], by Martin J. Pritchard. Without being as minute a study of modern Jewish life as the novels of Mr. Zangwill, for example, it is a carefully drawn picture, and its bold and original yet reverent plot renders it a story not easily forgotten.

The late Robert Louis Stevenson's *Weir of Hermistoun* [Century Co. \$1.50] is but a fragment, but what a fragment! It illustrates the author's diversified and pre-eminent ability quite as well as anything else in the list of his many writings. *The Seats of the Mighty* [Appletons. \$1.50] is by Gilbert Parker. It is a historical novel, bold in conception, brilliant in execution, and worthy of his reputation. Mr. Barrie's *Sentimental Tommy* [Scribners. \$1.50] also is exceedingly realistic and touching. A grave defect here or there does not destroy its conspicuousness among recent stories. Mr. Crawford's *Takisara* [Macmillan Co. \$2.00] is one of his most penetrating and spirited studies of Italian society.

The demand for *Short Stories* also has called out a number of volumes. Mr. A. T. Quiller-Couch's *Wandering Heath* [Scribners. \$1.25], which leads the reader from Cornwall to the Rocky Mountains adroitly; Jane Barlow's *Strangers at Lisconnel* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], in which the author again makes the Irish peasantry vividly real to every reader; Sarah V. Brooks's *My Fire Opal and Other Stories* [Estes & Lauriat. \$1.00], drawn out of her experiences as a prison visitor; G. W. Edwards's *Break o' Day and Other Stories* [Century Co. \$1.00], interpreting faithfully fishing life along the Maine coast; Will Carleton's *The Old Infant and Similar Stories* [Harpers. \$1.25], which are capital character studies; the late H. C. Bunner's *Love in Old Clothes* [Scribners. \$1.50], a pleasant memento of this popular author; and Mr. Thomas Nelson Page's *In Old Virginia* [Scribners. \$2.50], in which several of his most famous sketches are re-issued agreeably.

The boys and girls have received as much attention this year as ever and the list of excellent *Juvenile* books is too long to be fully enumerated. W. J. Rolfe's *Shakespeare, the Boy* [Harpers. \$1.25] will introduce young readers to the works of the great poet while it also interests them for the time being. Mr. E. S. Brooks's *Century Book of Famous Americans* [Century Co. \$1.50] also is wholesome, instructive and invitingly illustrated. *Three Young Continentals* [Wilde & Co. \$1.50], by E. T. Tomlinson, and *Three Little Daughters of the Revolution* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 75 cents], by Nora Perry, portrays some bright Revolutionary boys and girls. Above the Range [Wilde & Co. \$1.25], by Theodora R. Jenness, depicts Indian girls in a Government school, and is capital. *The Rockanoek Stage* [Cong. S. S. & Pub. Soc. \$1.50], by Prof. George Huntington, is exciting and elevating. *Malvern* [Wilde & Co. \$1.50] was largely suggested by the World's

Fair. As *Queer as She Could Be* [Pres. Board of Pub. & S. S. Work. \$1.25], by Jessie E. Wright, is more striking than most Sunday school books.

Sinbad, Smith & Co. [Century Co. \$1.50], by Albert Stearns, and *The Sword Maker's Son* [Century Co. \$1.50], by W. O. Stoddard, already are well known and have taken a high place with the readers of *St. Nicholas*. Mr. Henty's productions, *At Agincourt*, *On the Irrawaddy*, and *Cochrane the Dauntless* [Scribners. Each \$1.50], are full of thrilling experiences and inculcate manliness. So does David Ker's *Swept Out to Sea* [Lippincott Co. \$1.50], and Col. T. W. Knox's *The Land of the Kangaroo* [Wilde & Co. \$1.50] is another bracing book.

Half a Dozen Girls [Crowell. \$1.50], by Anna C. Ray, deserves high praise. Annie F. Johnston in *The Little Colonel* [Joseph Knight. 50 cents] has depicted a charming heroine in a sweet and touching fashion, and Alice Aspinwall's *Short Stories for Short People* [Dutton. \$1.50] also will be a favorite. *Tommy-Anne and the Three Hearts* [Macmillan Co. \$1.50], by Mabel O. Wright, is half a fairy story, and Q.'s *Fairy Tales Far and Near* [Stokes Co. \$1.50] is wholly so, and which is the more enticing is hard to be decided. Moreover, the Century Co., in issuing *A Shadow Show* [\$1.00], by P. S. Newell, and *Gobolinks* [\$1.00], by Ruth McE. Stuart and A. B. Faine, has contributed not a little to the amusement of both young and old.

Among *Works of Travel and Adventure*, the *Ounananche and Its Canadian Environment* [Harpers. \$2.00], by E. T. D. Chambers, is a beautiful example of the sort of book which many others than sportsmen and travelers appreciate highly. *Camping in the Canadian Rockies* [Putnam's. \$4.00], by W. D. Willcox, is another sumptuous volume, richly illustrated, about a comparatively unknown region of our country. Prof. G. F. Wright's *Voyage in the Miranda* [Appletons. \$2.00] two years ago describes the Greenland icefields and life in the north Atlantic.

Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr's *A Cathedral Pilgrimage* [Macmillan. 50 cents] is actually fascinating. Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton's *Lazy Tours in Spain and Elsewhere* [Roberts Bros. \$1.50] is pleasant, and Mr. H. C. Chatfield-Taylor's *The Land of the Castanet* [H. S. Stone & Co. \$1.25] describes similar experiences with more detail. Neither, however, is the peer of Edmondo de Amicis's classic, *Spain and the Spaniards* [\$5.00], of which Messrs. H. T. Coates & Co. issued last winter a superb holiday edition. *Kokoro, Hints and Echoes of Japanese Inner Life* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], is another study by Lafcadio Hearn. The author is not the most well-balanced critic, but his book has value and, like everything from his pen, is exquisitely graceful in form. Alfred Parsons's *Notes on Japan* [Harpers. \$3.00] also is a treasure, in respect to both text and illustrations.

A Cycle of Cathay [Revell. \$2.00], by ex-President W. A. P. Martin, describes China, and is the fruit of long and intimate acquaintance with the country. It is more than ordinarily rewarding. Throughout his *In the South Seas* [Scribners. \$1.50] R. L. Stevenson introduces the reader to an intimate acquaintance with the enticing landscapes and the diversified individualities of the region visited. One of the lead-

ing works of the year is Mr. W. E. Curtis's *The Yankees of the East* [Stone & Kimball. \$4.00], a series of social, commercial, political and other studies of Japan, and another is one of the Harpers' last winter's issues, Mr. E. L. Weeks's graphic and beautiful *From the Black Sea to Persia and India* [\$3.50].

A few volumes of *Essays* call for notice. Dr. H. W. Mabie's *Essays on Nature and Culture* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25] is a penetrating and reverent study of nature and human nature and a stimulating interpretation of what is best in them. Another volume of serious and practical purpose is E. L. Godkin's *Problems of Modern Democracy* [Scribners. \$2.00], which deals trenchantly with current themes of the first importance. Most of the "open-air" books belong here, such as Florence A. Merriam's *Southern Californian breezy sketches, A-Birding on a Broncho* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25]; R. E. Robinson's charming *In New England Fields and Woods* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], a series of fine papers reprinted from *Forest and Stream*; *Spring Notes from Tennessee* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], observations by Bradford Torrey; and *Bird Land Echoes* [Lippincott Co. \$2.00] by Dr. C. C. Abbott, who reveals the very heart of nature to the sympathetic reader. Some of the most serious and valuable work ever done by the late Eugene Field is found in his *Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac* [Scribners. \$1.25] which, without lacking his characteristic humor, is wise and suggestive in graver directions.

Perhaps the most important book of the year in this vein is *Miscellaneous Studies* [Macmillan Co. \$1.75] by the late Walter Pater. It contains what remains of his uncollected works edited by C. A. Shadwell, covers the whole period of his literary activity, indicates the development of his literary thought and style and speaks with deliberate care not only to the present but to the future. Less weighty, yet enjoyable and profitable for meditation, are Mr. Quiller-Couch's trenchant and sparkling *Adventures in Criticism* [Scribners. \$1.50]; Edmund Gosse's *Critical Kit-Kats* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], soberer but also profounder; Mr. J. E. Chamberlin's two breezy volumes, *The Listener in the Town and in the Country* [Copeland & Day. Each 75 cents]; and Mrs. Sangster's *Inspiring With My Neighbors* [Harpers. \$1.25].

Several volumes in the department of *Social and Political Economy* must be noted. One is Prof. A. T. Hadley's *Economics* [Putnam. \$2.50] as practical as scholarly and dealing effectively with a multitude of important current topics. In his *History of Money and Prices* [Putnam. \$1.50] Mr. J. Schoenhof also has made a valuable contribution to current knowledge and discussion. It is peculiarly timely. The dispassionateness and expert knowledge of Pres. F. H. Walker render his book on *International Bimetallism* [Holt. \$1.25] important, whether one accepts his conclusions or not. Prof. John Bascom's *Social Theory* [Crowell. \$1.75] will serve as a worthy text-book and reference work. From the same publishers has come W. M. Salter's *Anarchy or Government* [75 cents] which pleads for a degree of nationalization. *Proportional Representation* [Crowell & Co. \$1.25] is the subject of Prof. J. R. Commons in a work proposing important modifications of our electoral system. *Criminal Sociology* [Appletons. \$1.50], by Enrico

Ferri, is a foreign contribution to the literature of penology. Another notable book is *Classes and Masses* [Macmillan Co. \$1.25], by W. H. Mallock, who makes an able claim in behalf of the present constitution of society as against the Socialists.

A number of *Miscellaneous* volumes, as usual, remain. Dr. G. Birkbeck Hill's *Talks About Autographs* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$3.50] is one, and is as comprehensive and interesting a work in its way as we have seen in a long time. Mr. C. H. Haswell's *Reminiscences of an Octogenarian in the City of New York* [Harpers. \$3.00] possesses large antiquarian interest. Professor Young's revised volume of *The Sun* [Appletons. \$2.00] illustrates the rapid progress of scientific knowledge, and Mr. Percival Lowell's *Mars* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.50] embodies the results of long and expert study. Probably no other equally learned and also popular account of that planet has been made.

The first volume of *Books and Their Makers During the Middle Ages* [Putnam. \$2.50], by G. H. Putnam, is an elegant production, full of special learning and of large and lasting value. From the same publishers and the same author also has come a revised edition of the *Question of Copyright* [\$1.75], a summary of the copyright laws now enforced by the leading nations. Mr. F. J. Stimson's *Handbook to the Labor Laws of the United States* [Scribners. \$1.50], a manual for laymen rather than lawyers, is of great significance. Dr. W. H. Roberts also has rendered important service by compiling a volume of the *Laws Relating to Religious Corporations* [Pres. Board of Pub. and S. S. Work. \$3.00], a full handbook of the statutes in the different States and Territories bearing upon churches and religious societies. Lieut. A. M. Rohan and Prof. M. M. Ramsey have gathered a large amount of diversified information of present importance into their volume, *The Island of Cuba* [Holt & Co. \$1.25]; and Rev. E. M. Bliss's *Turkey and the Armenian Atrocities* [Hubbard Pub. Co. \$1.50] and Mr. W. W. Howard's *Horrors of Armenia* [Armenian Relief Association. 10 cents] have discussed the Armenian situation with intelligence and earnestness.

BOOK REVIEWS.

THE GOSPEL FOR AN AGE OF DOUBT.

We rank Dr. Henry van Dyke's latest volume, thus entitled, high among the pre-eminent contributions of the year to religious and theological thought. Reminding one in its fundamental positions of Ian Maclaren's *The Mind of the Master*, it is in some respects a more effective volume because its somewhat more careful discriminations will arouse less dissent and antagonism. It represents, with some little expansion, his lectures at Yale Divinity School last spring, and, regarded from the point of view of the audience to which he originally spoke, it steps at once to its proper place in the lengthening series of valuable and influential books that are the fruit of the Lyman Beecher Lectureship. But, helpful as *The Gospel for an Age of Doubt* must be to preachers, it also carries a message for every thoughtful, reverent mind perplexed with the problems of the day.

Its central aim is to show the fitness to our times of the gospel of a person and of the threefold message of liberty, sovereignty and service which Christ brought. Its diagnosis of the doubt, the materialism and all the skeptical and irreligious forces of the age is masterly. Not less admirable is the careful, patient working out of the argument for the supreme divinity of Christ and of the unvel-

ling through him of the Father. To any one in perplexity over this cardinal doctrine of the faith, Dr. van Dyke's treatment of it, sympathetic as he is with all the issues raised by science and philosophy, must bring enlightenment and relief.

He does not, it is true, make use of all the arguments advanced by the long line of apologists before him, but his logic will be to the modern mind quite as convincing. Perhaps the profoundest chapter in the book is the fourth, that on the Human Life of God, but even through these unsounded depths of Christian thinking the reader does not lose his pilot's hand. Dr. van Dyke has drawn from many sources, ancient and modern, for illustration and confirmation of his positions. Indeed the book for popular effectiveness bears too many evidences of the student's desk. The long appendix, which considerably increases the bulk of the volume, detracts a little from its distinctive identity, although we remember the fondness of a limited class of readers for citations. At the same time Dr. van Dyke has put the stamp of his own vigorous and penetrating mind upon the material with which he has assimilated and has added thereto his personal contributions, for which the reader is most grateful. The literary and artistic perfectness of the book will not escape the attention even of those who are most impressed with its ample learning, the march of its logic and its superb setting forth of what the gospel of Christ really is and ought to do for modern life. [Macmillan Co. \$1.75.]

THE YANKEES OF THE EAST.

This excellent work embodies in its two pretty volumes the letters contributed to the *Chicago Record* by the author, Mr. W. E. Curtis, during nearly seven months of 1895 as its special correspondent in Japan. An old traveler and journalist, he knew both what to see and how to describe it, and his letters attracted wide notice. Their republication in this permanent form is in response to a natural demand. In spite of occasional minor repetitions, they illustrate a superior quality of workmanship. They are remarkably comprehensive, minute, well balanced and graphic. Public matters and private, national customs and local peculiarities, underlying principles of government and obstacles to religious progress, matters of costume, diet, etiquette, agriculture, education, the drama, politics, etc., all are reported upon with the same masterly judgment and skill.

The business man must be convinced as he reads that a large field is open in Japan for the successful entry of American goods, if only sufficient and properly intelligent enterprise be displayed. It is as pleasant to read of the special favor in which Americans are held in Japan as it is humbling to realize how negligent we have been hitherto to use our opportunities there. The student of political economy will thank Mr. Curtis for lucid statements of the political history of Japan and of her present condition and future outlook. The chapter on the country's educational system is of deep interest, and not to educators and students alone, and the study of Buddhism here offered is a useful contribution to the knowledge of the great leading religions of the world.

That portion of the work which deals with missions and their results in the country is of special interest to our readers. The author devotes a chapter to this topic and reverts to it more than once elsewhere. He has taken pains to inform himself and is fair and courteous. He aims rather to depict the existing situation and the opinions which are held regarding it rather than to enforce or even to state any position of his own. He appreciates both the desire, so prevalent among many of the native Christians, to see a national church grow up, and also the difficulties in the way, the probabilities of difference between it and the existing churches, the rights of the American and other missionaries,

etc., and he bears strong testimony to the efficiency of missionary work, although he is by no means a blind admirer of it. He thinks that, if either were to be removed, Japan could spare the missionary preachers rather than the missionary teachers.

His two volumes are illustrated handsomely and the reader feels heartily grateful for such an instructive and enjoyable work. [Stone & Kimball. \$4.00.]

RELIGIOUS.

It is occasionally asserted that the modern type of piety is less devotional than that of our fathers, but the abundance of devotional literature, which would hardly be bought except to be read, is a strong argument to the contrary. One of the richest and most suggestive of recent publications of this character is *Chosen of God* [Fleming H. Revell Co. \$1.25], by Rev. H. W. Lathe. Its title indicates the author's purpose to explain and enforce the doctrine of election. But the volume itself, although dealing with this truth as a keynote, is much broader in scope than the mere title indicates. Into the well of the richest Christian experiences the author has dipped, and pours forth a stream of reflection and suggestion eminently practical and touching human life on many sides. The fact that the Christian is chosen of God is explained, certain kindred truths are considered, and the natural spiritual results are outlined. The high devotional tone of the volume is equaled only by its wise discretion in impressing and enforcing its positions. The author is not promulgating hobbies but seeking to quicken and build up spiritual life in the reader. His teaching is in sympathy with conservative rather than more liberal modern theology but Christians of all schools of faith hardly can fail to derive profit from it.

Dr. A. B. Booth, a well-known contributor to *The Expositor* and other religious publications, has gathered into a volume, *With Open Face* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50], nine of his contributions to that publication, which he has supplemented by some others. They are sketches of the spirit and the teaching of Christ as illustrated in scenes from the evangelists, and the last chapter, entitled *The Christian Primer*, is a kind of catechism, intended to be used in impressing gospel truth upon the young. The author throughout has exemplified afresh his scholarship and his sincere piety and has put familiar truth in a very fresh and acceptable manner, and not without some suggestions which will strike the reader as new.

The Prophets of the Christian Faith [Macmillan Co. \$1.25] contains chapters by Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. Marcus Dods, Canon Fremantle, Professor Harnack, Principal Fairbairn, Dr. Munger, Dean Farrar and others. Dr. Abbott answers the question, *What Is a Prophet?* and Dean Farrar the question, *Can We Be Prophets?* And the others discuss such familiar Christian teachers as Isaiah, Paul, St. Augustine, Luther, Jonathan Edwards, Bushnell and Maurice. In a volume made up of contributions from so many different authors, natural diversities of opinion and the results of dissimilar educations result, of course, in statements of truth from individual points of view, but this variety adds to the value of the volume, and all Christian readers will find it exceedingly suggestive and stimulating. The author of *Protestantism* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.50], Mr. E. P. Usher, is a layman who, having been repelled from the Christian Church by what he considered extravagant and unjustifiable claims, was led to make a careful study of the gospel and to reaccept its essential truths. In this volume he endeavors to set forth the simplicity of original and essential Christianity, and to urge that whoever stands upon the platform thus constructed has the right to Christian recognition. He considers especially the attitude of the Anglican and American Episcopal Churches towards outsiders, but what he has to say is of general significance. His study is reverent and schol-

arly and undoubtedly embodies an important truth. Whether he fully perceives the strength of the present movement throughout Christianity in the direction of his object certainly is a question. To our thinking he fails to do it justice. But, without necessarily agreeing with everything which his pages contain, the spirit and method of the book may be cordially approved as well as its general aim.

The annual volume of *Monday Club Sermons* [Cong. S. S. & Pub. Soc. \$1.25] deals with its usual series of topics in its usual practical and telling fashion. Its authors, with hardly an exception, have had much experience as pastors and preachers, and the scholarship and felicity displayed in the interpretation of truth and the terse and pithy fashion in which they impress it show that their experience has not failed of its proper results. We have commended their volume year after year, with good reason, and the large audience which it annually addresses will appreciate this issue as much as any of its predecessors. — *A Gentle Heart* [T. Y. Crowell & Co. 35 cents] is another work by Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D., in which he sets forth with tender earnestness the Christian's duty and privilege of gentleness. It is a little book, simple in arrangement and style but eminently impressive. — From the same pen comes a quite different volume, *The Story of a Busy Life* [T. Y. Crowell & Co. \$1.00], which contains recollections of Mrs. George A. Paull, somewhat well known through her books, mostly published under her maiden name of Minnie E. Kenney. Her portrait is its frontispiece, and Dr. Miller has written a sympathetic and graphic account of her beautiful and useful life.

Readings for Leisure Moments [H. L. Hastings. \$1.50], by the publisher of the book, is a collection of miscellanies of a plain and sometimes homely character such as everybody appreciates, and it abounds in wise suggestions never failing to have a spiritual tendency. It is one of those books which will interest many readers who might not care for the same truth put before them in a more formal manner. — In *Three Children of Galilee* [Joseph Knight Co. \$1.50] John Gordon has composed a life of Christ for young people in the form of a story. It is written simply and feelingly, and is illustrated abundantly and well. It will interest the children successfully and leave abiding impressions. — A new edition of Mr. Ruskin's *Letters to the Clergy on the Lord's Prayer and the Church* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.75] has been brought out, edited, with essays and comments, by Rev. F. A. Malleon. This edition, the third, includes some additional letters by Mr. Ruskin and observations upon them by the editor, and it omits some of the letters to Mr. Ruskin formerly inserted. We do not think Mr. Ruskin's opinions upon such subjects specially worthy of great heed, but of course they possess interest. All parties to this discussion speak out frankly, but as almost the whole of what they have to say was said sixteen years ago, and as the conditions of church life in England have altered greatly since then, the book is a resurrection rather than a thing of today.

STORIES.

Mr. F. Marion Crawford's new book, *Taquisara* [Macmillan Co. \$2.00], should more properly have been entitled *Gianluca*, for the latter, who dies, is much more prominent than the former, who lives and marries the heroine. It is difficult to believe that the treacherousness of the Italian character of 300 years ago survives at the present day to the degree indicated by this story, yet there is no sufficient reason for doubting the entire possibility of such facts as those here narrated. The book is a study of modern Italian character and life, and it deals with the schemings of certain bankrupt and unscrupulous persons to obtain possession of the property, even by murder, if necessary, of a wealthy heiress, and of her love affairs. She is a noble and beautiful character and one hardly knows which

to admire most, the vivid pictures of her development, the equally graphic manipulation of events as the intricate plot unravels itself, or the minor but no less powerfully drawn pictures of the life of the time among both high and low. The story is often painful, but always picturesque and striking, and from the artist's point of view it certainly contains some of the author's best work hitherto.

Mr. J. M. Barrie's new book, *Sentimental Tommy* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50], is so good that it ought to have been a great deal better. It is too long, and in spite of the fun and pathos and shrewd insight into character and the picturesque photographs, so to speak, of life in London and in Thrums, one finds himself staggered now and then to understand why the movement of the book is so slow and why the interest flags. But this is a trifling objection compared with the introduction into a book sure to be read by boys and girls of one or two characters whose iniquities, although described only suggestively, are treated with an unmistakableness of suggestion which is as objectionable, especially for young readers, as it seems to us to have been unnecessary. To tell the truth about Thrums or any other place does not necessarily mean to tell the whole truth, and it is painful to find a book, in which the signal ability of the author is illustrated so richly and beautifully and in so many different ways, marred by features the omission of which would have weakened the story in no particular, and would have made it far more deserving of admiration. In some respects it is a great book. We never have known the childish imagination, and the innocent and amusing self-deceptions of which it often is the cause, to be depicted with anything like the graphic and complete success attained in these pages, and we could praise them in other particulars at much length. But at best the story is like the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

The Wheels of Chance [Macmillan Co. \$1.50], by H. G. Wells, is a bicycling story, sufficiently absurd to keep the reader smiling, sufficiently truthful, so far as the wheel itself is concerned, to appeal strongly to all cyclists, and fairly entertaining and well written as a mere novel. It is light literature, but decidedly bright and readable. — *Green Fire* [Harper & Bros. \$1.25] is a romance by Fiona Macleod. The author makes a specialty of Celtic subjects and in this book the scene changes from Brittany to the outlying Scotch islands, and the sturdy quality, as well as the strange imagination and superstition of the people on either side of the channel, give tone to the volume. It is a striking story, chiefly in the minor key but often beautiful and touching. It is unique in some respects and abounds in a peculiar sort of interest. It is written charmingly. — Messrs. Roberts Bros. have published *Little Daughter of the Sun* [\$1.25], by Julia P. Dabney, a story of the Canary Islands which is romantic and graphic, and contains fine studies of individual character. It is short and simple, but not the less agreeable. — Miss Katherine Pearson Woods in *The Crowning of Candace* [Dodd, Mead & Co. 75 cents], reprints in a volume her story which has been running in the *Churchman*. It is a volume of the Feather Library. It describes with much spirit the mischievous effect of an early literary success upon an impressionable and imperfectly trained young girl, and her gradual awakening to true views of life and authorship, through her personal romance.

Ouida's well-known novel, *Under Two Flags* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$3.00], is republished in a handsome two volume edition with a few spirited and well-executed illustrations and the admirers of this well-known author will welcome it in this form. — Camp life often proves to be congenial to romance and in Mr. G. P. Fisher, Jr.'s, pleasant novel, *Out of the Woods* [McClurg & Co. \$1.00], the love story blends with the narrative of hunting, fishing

and camp experiences in general very naturally and agreeably. The mystery of the plot is made more of than is necessary under the circumstances, but the story is written excellently and is more than ordinarily entertaining.—*The World's Great Snare* [Lippincott Co. \$1.00], by E. P. Oppenheim, is highly sensational and of a low moral tone, in spite of much which is commendable. It is composed with noticeable spirit and it abounds in movement and incident, but it is too melodramatic and the ideals of life which are suggested are not what they ought to be.

Nephel [New Amsterdam Book Co. \$1.00], by F. W. Bourdillon, is a musical novel, in which the peculiar sensitiveness of musicians to the impressions of sound and to the influences communicable through the manipulation of their instruments are employed to illustrate and intensify a sad yet interesting romance. The book is slight in texture but well written.—Even more mysterious and entertaining, in spite of its daring use of the impossible, is *Iras: A Mystery* [Harpers. \$1.00], by Theo Douglas. When we mention that a revived mummy is the heroine, and that her nineteenth century lover and herself are pursued by the vengeful ghost of an ancient Egyptian priest, whose machinations are too much for them, we indicate the material of the story, which would be unlikely to be much read were it not written in a literary style deserving praise and with careful attention in other respects to the essential qualities of a successful modern novel.

Mr. J. K. Bangs has chosen a novel theme for his story, *A Rebellious Heroine* [Harpers. \$1.25], which is reprinted from *Harper's Magazine*. The illusion, the heroine being an imaginary person, the leading character in a story written by the hero, is fairly well kept up, but the reader becomes a little confused here and there and the conception, novel though it is, hardly is capable of the use which is made of it. Yet Mr. Bangs has written a bright and entertaining little book and the successive revolts of the heroine afford considerable amusement.—Dutch India has not been wholly overlooked by the novelists in their search for themes, but has been written up comparatively seldom. Annie Liddon, who seems familiar with Java and the surrounding region and with the life of the Dutch Indian, in her story, *Gold* [Century Co. \$1.25], has composed a book more powerful than pleasing. Its delineations of character and life are more than ordinarily successful, and in its latter portion the dramatic and even the tragic abound, but the physical and moral miasma of that part of the world inevitably has too strong an influence over the story. It is impossible to describe the facts truly, we suppose, without dwelling painfully upon the darker side of life.

Vander's Understudy [Stokes Co. 75 cents], by J. K. Reese, has for a sub-title a Study in Platonic Affection. The material is skillfully handled and the perils of that sort of mutual regard are discussed with considerable adroitness. The story is lively and entertaining.—*The Story of Aaron* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00], by Joel Chandler Harris, illustrated by Oliver Herford, is one of that author's fascinating compositions, and the illustrations are strikingly apt and amusing. The peculiar humor of Mr. Harris finds ample room for display and the book belongs with those as to the popularity of which there can be no doubt.

Cherry and Violet [Scribners. Imported. \$2.25], by Miss Manning, an English author, is a tale of the period of the great plague in London. It affords lucid and somewhat picturesque impressions of life at that time among the middle classes in London as well as to some extent in the country, and its account of the fearful pestilence is the more telling because of its simplicity. The book is printed with some attempt to imitate the ancient manner, and the illustrations by John Jellicoe and Herbert Rialton are natural as well as

spirited and admirable in their appropriateness. The book is more than ordinarily attractive.—In Jean P. Rudd's *The Tower of the Old Schloss* [Putnam's. \$1.25] the most conspicuous feature is that the German peasants talk broad Scotch for the most part, occasionally throwing in a word of German as if to remind themselves of their nationality. Too many German words are introduced in the conversations generally. The best feature is the impression which the book gives of life in the old Schloss, not very inviting at the best. The characters are not drawn with the utmost skill, and there is little of interest in the plot.—The most recent issue in the Messrs. Harpers' current edition of Thomas Hardy's novels is *Under the Greenwood Tree* [\$1.50], which is a strikingly picturesque and amusing portrayal of rustic life in southern England, and into which nobody but the farmers and people of their general quality are introduced except the parish parson.—*Philippa* [Lippincott Co. \$1.25], by Mrs. Molesworth, is on the border line between novels and stories for the young. It is a love story, but the experiences of the young heroine are eminently juvenile in some respects, and the reader receives suggestions of moral and social value. The author has handled her material with her usual skill and the girls will uniformly approve the story as being both delightful and sensible.

A Christian commercial traveler is the hero of *Quaint Crippen* [McClurg & Co. \$1.00], by A. M. Thurber. The romance in the narrative comes to its crisis with unlikely rapidity, and in some other respects the story indicates a measure of inexperience in the author. But its main purpose—the portrayal of a commercial traveler who is an earnest and helpful Christian without ceasing to be in a real and active sense a man of the world—is well carried out.—Mr. H. T. Coates has made a collection of stories, some of which are familiar, others fresh and all interesting, which are gathered into a tasteful edition, in three volumes, bearing the title *Fireside Stories Old and New* [H. T. Coates & Co. Each \$1.00]. The selections are diversified and entertaining.—*Max and Zan and Nicodemus* [W. J. Shuey. 75 cents] is by Mrs. M. A. H. Fisher. It is a Tennessee story, slight in texture, but affording distinct and varied pictures of the life of the region. It has considerable interest.—Mary E. Bradley has undertaken to set forth some wholesome moral and religious teachings in *Friends for Good* [American S. S. Union. \$1.25], one of the most prominent of which is the untrustworthiness of modern spiritualism, and the fact that much deception is connected with its so-called manifestations. The story is eventful and maintains interest fairly well without deserving to be awarded the highest literary praise.

JUVENILE.

Amanda M. Douglas in *A Little Girl of Old New York* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50] has taken for her theme the experiences of a child in what really was not so very long ago, but is rapidly passing into ancient history—the time of the Polk and Clay presidential campaign. In spite of occasional permission of unlikely speech the author has written a capital book, full of vivacious narrative and successfully portraying the life of well-to-do people in the New York city of the period. Their amusements, employments, views and characteristics are brought out effectively and the tone and atmosphere of their society are suggested successfully. In a certain sense the book has a value as a historical study. It is also very readable.—*Above the Range* [Wilde & Co. \$1.25], by Theodora R. Jenness, a story for girls, is somewhat out of the common order. It deals with life in a Government school for Indians in the Northwest and its heroines are chiefly the pupils. The superstitions and temptations of the young Indian girls, their sports, their studies and the general character of the life which goes on in such a place have

furnished the author with material which seldom, if ever, before has been handled in so fresh and striking a manner. The story is interesting throughout, points many sound morals and is natural, life-like and heightened. We commend it heartily.—*A Little Girl of Long Ago* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00], by Eliza Orne White, is tempting to look at and engrossing to read. It tells of certain little British children who found their way to America many years ago and who lived in Boston, and they and the life of their day among children are described very pleasantly. The author introduces the present to the past, to the delight of the modern reader, with more than common success.

Two or three new issues of the Congregational Publication Society illustrate the good judgment with which the managers of our denominational organization are carrying on their work. One is *The Rockanock Stage* [\$1.50], by Prof. George Huntington. It is an exciting and almost sensational story, yet wholesome and uplifting. It abounds in action and the boys and girls will agree that it entertains to the end. But they will get more than entertainment out of it, and the author's genial humor and his skill in enforcing truth indirectly as well as pointedly will secure for it as it becomes known many readers who no longer are boys or girls.—Another of their books is *The Young Mandarin* [\$1.50], by Rev. J. A. Davis. China is its scene, and the Chinese for the most part are its characters. The author's long experience and wide knowledge of that country have enabled him to draw an evidently truthful and characteristic picture of Chinese life and thought not often given to the public. The hero of the book is a genuine Chinaman, not one constructed by the imperfectly enlightened foreign imagination. The many and striking peculiarities of Chinese life give zest and naturalness to the narrative. The Christian tone of the book is noticeable, yet there is no attempt to parade missions or the success of Christianity unduly. Such a story is for old as well as young and has more than the value of a merely interesting narrative. It is a picture of society and of a society which appears to be on the eve of significant changes.

From the same publishers comes also *The Rainproof Invention* [\$1.50], by Emily Weaver. The importance of integrity in business and the value of loyalty to high ideals are here enforced in a graphic and even engrossing narrative, which deals with some not uncommon episodes in human life with good judgment and good results.—One more story from the same publishers is *The Poole's Millions* [\$1.50], by Julia McNair Wright. Money is not everything or even the greatest thing in life, and Mrs. Wright in enforcing this truth so zealously and by teaching incidentally certain kindred lessons about the true way to regard life and the education of the young would have done excellent service even if she had not rendered it in a form so attractive as this pleasant story. Her reputation requires good work, but these pages will not lessen her hold upon her readers.—*Chilhouse Boys at College* [Crowell & Co. \$1.50], by Sarah G. Morrison, describes the earlier struggles of the young heroes to secure an education. The characters, who are familiar to many readers, are carried through a series of experiences, through which their friends will accompany them with unfailing attention, and suggestions of high manhood and self-improvement are made at once forceful and judiciously. The book will be as popular as its predecessors.

There are a great many boys and girls in *Malvern* [Wilde & Co. \$1.50], by Ellen D. Deland, and they are good, bad and indifferent and get into scrapes and out of them again, and go to the World's Fair and home again and are genuine boys and girls throughout who have, for the most part, a wholesome desire to be good and to do good, and yet who are as far as possible from being prigs. Their story is told very brightly, and some

capital pictures, by Alice B. Stephens, help to make it all real. The book will not lack readers.—With equal good will and conviction it is possible to commend *The Boys of Cloverbrook* [Lothrop Co. \$1.50], by Mrs. Mary B. Beal. Five youngsters on a farm seem to think of and attempt about everything which bright boys can be conceived of as suggesting to each other, and the history of their experiences is lively indeed. The boys, and many a girl also, will read it with zest.—It is the Creole world in Louisiana to which Mrs. Mary T. Earle introduces the reader in *The Wonderful Wheel* [Century Co. \$1.25], and the superstition of the people, the ostracizing of the innocent hero and heroine, the revulsion of public feeling created by their unselfishness form the body of the story which is all the more delightful for the delicate skill with which the local color is applied. It is a sweet little story, unpretending, but full of real power and pathos.

It is not a large book, but it is a very delightful one which tells of *Adolph, and How He Found the "Beautiful Lady"* [Revell Co. 50 cents]. Fannie J. Taylor wrote it, and Helene Toerring has added some superior pictures. It is a beautiful, ennobling little story of childish simplicity and faith and their influence. It will do every reader good.—A somewhat older boy and a boy worth reading about, a real boy also and one whose history is sure to interest his fellow boys and girls, is *Dick* [Crowell & Co. \$1.25], described by Anna C. Ray. The book will not fall of its share of public favor.—Still another interesting boy is the hero of *J. Cole* [Crowell & Co. \$1.00], by Emma Gellibrand. This one is a page in a lady's household, and his honorable ambitions and zealous efforts to realize them, the naturalness of his development and the pathos of portions of his history all combine to make him a more than commonly attractive hero.

Captain Chap, or The Rolling Stone [Lippincott Co. \$1.00], by F. R. Stockton, is one of his stories of incident and adventure, written some fifteen years ago for young people and now reissued with illustrations by C. H. Stephens. The boy who looks at the pictures will anticipate excitement while reading the text and will not fail to find it. It does not seem to us to represent the author's high water mark of excellence, but it is a book which the boys will enjoy.—Very much the same sort of literature is illustrated by *A Medal of Honor Man* [Wilde & Co. \$1.25], by C. L. Norton. It is one of the Fighting for the Flag series and is a sequel to the opening volume. The hero undergoes many startling experiences in cruising among blockade runners and contributing his services to the suppression of the contraband trade during the late War of the Rebellion. The author knows how to make a strong book for young readers and has done so here.

We might say the something of J. M. Oxley, author of *The Boy Tramps* [Crowell & Co. \$1.50]. His heroes undertake to cross the American continent along the general line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad and most of the way on foot. They meet with many startling and interesting experiences, which the author's familiarity with the region described and his skill as a graphic narrator have enabled him to render entertaining to the reader.—It is many years since Captain Mayne Reid achieved his popularity as a writer for boys, and his *Young Voyageurs* [Putnam's. \$1.25] are his famous boy hunters carried into the Northern regions and caused to undergo adventures and to acquire knowledge, which the reader may share with them by his fireside yet with an interest almost equal to theirs. The publishers are issuing a "Nimrod" edition of Captain Reid's stories, and this will help to revive his extensive and long enduring popularity.

Col. T. W. Knox takes his readers this year to Australia, and his annual volume of travel and adventure is entitled *The Land of the*

Kangaroo [Wilde & Co. \$1.50]. It embodies more information of a practical quality than most books of that sort, so that it has solid value, yet it is none the less entertaining. It deserves to be one of the first favorites of the year with the boys and girls, the former especially, and is a capital book in all respects.—David Ker is one of the most successful among modern writers for the older children. His new book, *Swept Out to Sea* [Lippincott Co. \$1.50], is full of incident and adventure, and also abounds in stimulus toward all that is manly and good. It is a story which the boys will read with exceptional eagerness, and many of their elders, if they pick it up, will once more become boyish enough to conclude it.—*Four Young Explorers, or Sight Seeing in the Tropics* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.25] is Oliver Optic's latest. Of course the author gives rein to his fancy and the reader may depend upon a succession of adventures which are often thrilling but which result satisfactorily.—Readers of Beautiful Joe and the author's other writings will welcome *For the Other Boys' Sake, and Other Stories* [C. H. Banes. \$1.00], by Marshall Saunders. It includes nearly a dozen short stories, all of them well planned and executed, spirited in style, elevated in sentiment and full of genuine human interest. Some illustrations add to the attractiveness of the volume.—Ouida, whose real name is Louise de la Ramé, in *Two Little Wooden Shoes* [Lippincott Co. \$1.25] has done much better work than in most of her more elaborate novels. It is a gracefully and tenderly written story for children, the scene of which is in Belgium, the actors being peasants, and the interest of which increases from page to page throughout.—The concluding volume of the Hazlewood series, by Grace LeBaron Upham, is *The Rosebud Club* [Lee & Shepard. 75 cents]. It is a bright and entertaining little story of juvenile life here and abroad, and the many readers of its predecessors will welcome it enthusiastically.

Fairy Tales Far and Near [Stokes Co. \$1.50] have been retold by Q., who is understood to be Mr. A. T. Quiller-Couch, and who knows well how to render the familiar and graphic old narratives additionally quaint and amusing by his skillful handling. He has done superior work in these pages, and the children will unconsciously, but none the less really, appreciate its quality. H. R. Millar has supplied good illustrations.—Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Wonder Book for Girls and Boys* [75 cents] has been tastefully reprinted by Messrs. Crowell & Co., and may be depended upon to retain its place in the literature of the imagination for years to come—a place firmly established and willingly conceded.—From the Macmillan Co. comes Mabel O. Wright's *Tommy-Anne and the Three Hearts* [\$1.50], and considerable ingenuity has been exhibited by the author in carrying out the conception that animals, trees and plants are the companions of the little heroine who has no girls or boys with whom to play. The young reader will gain a good deal of information about nature and the story is a sort of connecting link between common life and fairy land, with much of the charm of each. It is illustrated amply and well, and it will enliven the winter for many a reader.

The Book of Wonder Voyages [Macmillan Co. \$1.50], edited by Joseph Jacobs, with illustrations by J. D. Battan, is the outgrowth of the editor's custom of story telling in his own home. In these pages the narratives of the Argonauts, the voyage of Melduin, Hasan of Bassorah and the journey of Thorkill and of Eric the Far Traveled are related afresh and with an excellent understanding of how to hold the interest of the reader. The young people will give the volume a cordial welcome.—*The Dwarf's Tailor, and Other Fairy Tales* [Harpers. \$1.75], collected by Zoe D. Underhill, is another admirable collection. One would like to go back for a time to childhood, were it possible, in order to enjoy these

stories afresh, as used to be possible. The addition of spirited full-page illustrations increases the charm of the book.—The Macmillan Co. also have issued a pretty little collection of *Tales from Hans Andersen* [\$1.00]. The familiar stories reappear here in a tasteful and even dainty form, and Helen Stratton's pretty illustrations deserve high praise.—Messrs. Estes & Lauriat have brought out in the customary form their *Chatterbox* [\$1.25] for 1896. It is sure of its favorable reception and it abundantly deserves it. The illustrative work is as well done as it is abundant. The colored pictures are especially good.

POETRY.

Dr. M. C. Hazard has rendered the Christian public a valuable service by compiling his collection of poems on heaven, which the Congregational Publishing Society has just issued under the title *The Tearless Land* [\$1.50]. The literature of the subject is, of course, extensive even in verse, and the problem what to include and what to omit is not easily solved. But Dr. Hazard has exhibited an enlightened discrimination, not refusing to approve a poem comparatively unknown if meritorious, nor feeling called upon to include a poem well known but undeserving. We recollect no collection of the sort which, on the whole, contains so much we are glad to possess and so little which we would cast away. Indeed, we are not sure that we would omit a single poem. For one or another reason the presence of each seems essential. The book is a constant treat to the Christian reader. Sentimentalism is absent, but it abounds in the loftiest sentiment, genuine, strong and uplifting. A great variety of meter is illustrated and the best authors of the past and present are represented. The truest poetry and the profoundest spirituality blend with each other throughout its pages. It is handsomely issued and will make a popular Christmas present.

The poems of C. E. D. Phelps are of more than common excellence, as is proved in *Echoes from the Mountain* [Putnam's. \$1.00]. Some of them have appeared in our own or other journals, and in one or another way they illustrate insight into nature and character and a considerable power of expression. The book is not large, but the reader of it finds himself disposed to meditate as he reads and to regard the author as penetrating somewhat deeper than many of his fellow-craftsmen into the secrets of both nature and human nature.—*Songs of Exile* [Copeland & Day. 75 cents], by Herbert Bates, is the title of a collection of short poems which are issued in an exceptionally dainty fashion, and which also illustrate sincere poetic feeling and a metrical power which, if sometimes less polished than it might be, does not lack vigor or grace. Poems of nature abound, and the author is a sympathetic interpreter.

The quaint cover of *The Quitting Bee and Other Rhymes* [Stokes Co. \$1.00], by J. L. Heaton, catches the eye, and the homely, everyday quality of the poems holds his attention when the book is opened. There is considerable difference in the quality of the author's verses but they average well and are adapted to interest readers who do not care for the profounder suggestions of the poetical mind, but appreciate the practical and genial suggestions of the light-hearted and sensible singer whose songs ripple pleasantly in their ears and enliven common life as they know it.—The poetry of the South, in distinction from poetry in general, hardly has had justice done it in the past and Mr. Joel Chandler Harris's intimation that no anthology of the kind ever has been produced until now probably is correct. But in *Songs of the South* [Lippincott Co. \$1.50], by Jennie T. Clarke, this lack has been supplied. She has gathered a choice collection of the best work of representative poets throughout the South and the result is a characteristic and pleasing volume. Many of the authors are of hardly more than local reputation, but the work of selection has

been done skillfully and the Southern atmosphere permeates the book agreeably but not oppressively. In an appendix biographical notes are supplied, and Northern readers as well as those born in the South will read the volume with genuine and lasting interest.

Mr. T. B. Aldrich's familiar poem, *Friar Jerome's Beautiful Book* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], has been reissued with decorations by W. S. Hadaway. It is unique in respect to these illustrations and the spirit of the poem has been caught with unusual success by the designer. It is a volume not to be overlooked when the Christmas list is being selected.—*From Avalon and Other Poems* [McClurg & Co. \$1.00] is by Emily Huntington Miller. Her verse is of superior quality and noticeably even in excellence, although very various in form and subject. She excels especially in what may be called the suggestive side of poetry. The reader finds himself not only engrossed for the time being, but set to reflecting. Some of the poems of this collection are peculiarly tender and touching.

A volume of *Songs for Little People* [Macmillan Co. \$2.00], by Norman Gale, offers poetry to young, but not the youngest, children, although we are not sure that it is necessary to limit the range of its probable readers in either direction. It is a bright, entertaining series of poems just suited to the children, and its illustrations, which appear on every page, are in perfect keeping with the verses which they set off.—The Macmillan Co. have put upon the market a new edition of *The Poetical Works of Robert Browning* [\$3.50]. It is in two volumes and is complete. The chronological order has been observed so far as possible, exceptions being made only as the poet himself had formerly made them. Augustine Birrell has edited it and the edition will receive ready recognition.

HOLIDAY BOOKS.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have almost outdone themselves, if that were possible, in their holiday edition of *Thoreau's Cape Cod* [\$5.00]. It is in two volumes, illustrated throughout from sketches in color by Amelia M. Watson. The cape dwellings and scenery have been reproduced with fidelity and grace and the well-known text has an additional charm, hardly to be appreciated until the volumes are examined, in the method of illustration adopted.—The Surrey Edition, in two volumes, of Washington Irving's *Bracebridge Hall* [\$6.00], which Messrs. Putnam's Sons have issued is conspicuous among gift books. Daintily printed and elegantly bound, each page is adorned with a handsome ornamental border and the illustrations, whether small or large, are examples of delicate and skillful work. It would be difficult to devise a more beautiful edition for the price, and the price, in fact, seems low.—John Dennie's *Rome of Today and Yesterday* [Putnam's. \$4.00] has reached its third edition. All who are familiar with the famous city will appreciate the historical, archaeological and artistic merit of the volume, and we recommend it to all intending visitors to Rome, although some previous knowledge of history and architecture on their part is desirable if its great excellence is to be fully appreciated. It is illustrated with nearly three score reproductions of photographs. The charm of Rome endures and its historic interest increases as additional explorations and excavations bring forth new disclosures out of its past, and this beautiful volume, packed with information and abounding in interest, should go into every public library and every considerable private library in the country.

Rustic Life in France [Crowell & Co. \$2.50], which Helen B. Dole has translated from the French of André Theuriot and which Léon Lhermitte has illustrated, is delightful for its graphic and faithful revelations of common life among the farmers in France. The author has made close and successful study of the peasants and their daily routine of existence,

of their home life as well as their out-of-door doings, their worship and other religious observances, their betrothals and weddings and all matters of interest in their lives. The pictures are well executed and pleasantly enlivening and the book is handsomely printed and bound.—Mr. Clifton Johnson, who has done so much excellent work in our own columns, has gathered into a pretty volume several papers published in this journal or elsewhere, with others, and has illustrated them lavishly and well with photographs which he personally has taken. The result is called *A Book of Country Clouds and Sunshine* [Lee & Shepard. \$2.50]. It will be appreciated highly, not only by residents in the country, but perhaps even more by those who, of country birth and training, have come to the great cities and there have become established. It is a New England book, but the nature and the human nature in it know no territorial lines.—A new edition of William Winter's *Gray Days and Gold* [Macmillan Co. \$2.50] continues for the benefit of readers of today the delight which others have felt for several years past. The author describes experiences and scenes of literary, historical, social or other interest in England or Scotland, and his facile pen, itself sufficient to reproduce and interpret, receives aid from the presence of many admirable photographs and other illustrations, and all combine to make one of the most beautiful and rewarding books of the season.

Dr. A. S. Twombly has employed a portion of his recent leisure in writing *The Masterpieces of Michelangelo and Milton* [Silver, Burdett & Co. \$1.50], a delightful and somewhat notable study of the chief characteristics of these two great men. The first part, devoted to Michelangelo, points out that his chief statues or frescoes mark four distinct periods in his development. The second part analyzes Milton's theory of life, as revealed in *Paradise Lost*, and the robustness and supremacy of each in his own sphere, and their striking mutual resemblances in some points of character and service are indicated. The essays are admirable examples of keen analysis, impartial judgment, sympathetic description and literary finish. And the illustrations, all of which are full-page, are excellent reproductions of some of the famous paintings or historic statues which the subject suggests. Each study possesses exceptional value in its own way and they combine naturally and make a somewhat unusual volume. The publishers have issued it in a commendably tasteful form and we commend it to those seeking holiday gifts.

MISCELLANEOUS.

If the American Mrs. Ward has written anything more delightful than *Chapters from a Life* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], which with an evident propriety, inasmuch as the larger part of it relates to her earlier life, she has issued under her maiden name, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, we do not recall it. Autobiography is difficult, but she has known what to say and how to say it, and especially to any one familiar with the Andover of twenty-five or more years ago the book gives a rich and peculiar pleasure. The portrayal of heredity and its influence, the glimpses of domestic and social life, the account of her development as an author, the description of her work as a reformer among the fishing people in Gloucester, whom she loves so dearly and deservedly, the glimpses afforded of her intercourse with Holmes, Whittier, Celia Thaxter, Lucy Larcom, James T. Fields and others, and the views of life in general and its opportunities which the book presents—all these, both in themselves and as factors in the composite whole, unite to make the result one of the most readable and stimulating among recent volumes of the sort. It leaves lasting and powerful impressions. Many portraits and other appropriate pictures add to its enjoyableness.

Mrs. Annie Fields's charming book, *Authors*

and *Friends* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], introduces the reader afresh to Longfellow, Emerson, Holmes, Whittier, Tennyson, Mrs. Stowe and Mrs. Thaxter, and causes them to become genuine friends, if that were necessary, in a real and vivid sense. Mrs. Fields's opportunities and her rare charm of authorship need no comment now. We only say that they who have not seen her book will find in it a literary atmosphere of the most invigorating and delightful quality and much in the way of incidental anecdote and characterization to miss which would be a distinct loss.—Mr. E. Boyd Smith, author of *My Village* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.00], appears to be an American artist who lives in Paris, and spends his summers in the quaint and fascinating country on the seacoast of France. In this book he has made minute and appreciative studies of many aspects of village life, sometimes repeating himself, but never to the reader's regret, catching successfully the inward as well as the external peculiarities of the peasantry and reproducing them with vivid delineations. Illustrations abound and they also are his own and are remarkably expressive and entertaining. The scope of the book is narrow, but within its chosen range it is a superior piece of work.—*The Happy Life* [T. Y. Crowell & Co. 35 cents] is a book for young people by President Eliot of Harvard University, and is wise and stimulating, brimming with the practical good sense so characteristic of the author and written in a forcible manner. It is so short that it will be read when a longer treatise would be neglected, and so excellent that it will be remembered when much of equal value but less judiciously expressed would be disregarded.—From the same publishers comes a similar little volume, *Culture and Reform* [35 cents], by Anna R. Brown, Ph.D. It goes deeply below the surface of life and yet is highly readable and is shrewd, practical and Christian throughout.

Mr. G. T. Woglom has written a volume on the making and flying of tailless kites which he entitles *Parakites* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.25]. The many recent references to kites of this sort in the daily newspapers have taught people that such kites are of great assistance in scientific research, and this treatise undertakes to set forth the experiences of the writer in connection with them and the results of their use so far as results have been obtained. The book is necessarily technical to a considerable extent, yet is not difficult to be understood and is of great interest to specialists in some lines. It is handsomely printed and is illustrated.—*Old Colony Days* [Roberts Bros. \$1.25], by May A. Ward, is an addition to the rapidly increasing literature relating to the colonial period of our history. Its successive chapters deal with the Father of American History, the Early Autocrat of New England, Some Delusions of Our Forefathers, and kindred subjects. It is historically accurate in the main, although an occasional slip may be noted, and it is a loyal and sympathetic portrayal of Pilgrim and Puritan character and life. It contains nothing which has not been narrated by others, but it has its own charm and makes a fair claim upon public notice.

A delightful book of travel is *The Edge of the Orient* [Scribners. \$2.00], by R. H. Russell. Seeking out of the way regions, the author enjoyed many experiences of travel in the east of Europe and the west of Asia which were comparatively novel and which he has described with zest and literary felicity. An abundance of choice photographs of an unusually high quality adds reality to the other attractiveness of the book, which certainly is one of the most tempting volumes of travel recently issued.—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney has so large a public, especially among young girls, that such a book as *Friendly Talks with Girl Friends* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], is certain of a wide reading. Already issued in the columns of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, these chapters hardly need an introduction to

the public, but it is as pleasant as it is need- less to add that the volume is rich in wise and Christian suggestions which every one must appreciate.

Mr. E. L. Godkin probably is one of the most influential of modern American essay- ists. Within the last thirty years he has pub- lished many papers of weight in the leading reviews, and a number of these now have been collected into a volume, *The Problems of Modern Democracy* [Scribners. \$2.00]. Among them are those on *The Expenditures of Rich Men*, which came out in *Scribner's Magazine* last October, and that entitled, *Who Will Pay the Bills of Socialism?* which caused consider- able comment when it appeared in the *Forum* in June, 1894. Other themes are the Duties of Educated Men in the Democracy, the Real Problems of Democracy, Criminal Politics, etc. Mr. Godkin is a strong and fearless thinker and possesses a terse, impressive style, which adds much to the effect of what he has to say. The volume has interest and value sure to endure for a long time.—The fourth volume of the *Writings of Thomas Paine* [Put- nam's. \$1.50], collected and edited by Mon- cure D. Conway, completes the series which the editor has been giving to the public. In this volume are included the *Age of Reason*, an autobiographical sketch and considerable other material of more or less public interest, and an appendix supplies additional papers and poems. The work is issued, of course, in the same substantial and handsome form as its predecessors.

Marion Harland and her daughter, Mrs. Herrick, having had long experience in house- wifery and in authorship and even in the preparation of cookery books, have combined in the compilation of *The National Cook Book* [Scribners. \$1.50], a substantial and well- printed volume with a very comprehensive index and with directions under each heading which are the fruit of practical experience, and are expressed with a clearness not al- ways equaled in books of the sort. The rivalry among cook-books seems to be intense, but this one certainly deserves to be well re- ceived and undoubtedly will make its own way as it comes to be known. It ought to be- come a household companion in many fami- lies.—The 250th anniversary of the *First Church of Christ in Old Saybrook, Conn.* [G. W. Dennison. \$1.00], was celebrated on the first of last July. The transactions of that eventful day have been described in an interesting volume, and the historical review therein contained, by Rev. A. S. Chesebrough, and the contributions of others in one form or another to the work are of the usual interest and importance. The more such volumes the better.

NOTES.

—Mrs. Humphry Ward has just raised the funds for a Passmore Edwards House, similar to Toynbee Hall, which is to be erected in the Bloomsbury region of London.

—Many unpublished manuscripts of the late Sir Richard Burton still remain. There are said to be among them materials for seven or eight books, one of which is almost ready for publication.

—The many readers of Miss Alice French's —"Octave Thanet's"—writings will regret to learn of her recent loss by the burning of her winter residence, at Elmwood, Ark., involv- ing the destruction of her valuable library.

—A memorial in honor of the late H. C. Banner is proposed. His friends are raising \$1,000 to provide a gold medal as an annual prize to the student of Columbia University who writes the best essay on some subject connected with American literature.

—Messrs. Stone & Kimball, the pub- lishers, lately started a new evening journal in New York, the *Daily Tatler*, somewhat simi- lar to the *St. James Gazette* of London. But after thirteen issues had appeared it was dis- continued—because its success promised to be so great that its editors could not take time to

attend to it! A new paper for children, to be called *The Great Round World*, also is pro- jected by W. B. Harrison, the specialty of which is to be relating the important news of the week to its young readers in the story form.

—A number of leading men and women in San Francisco, who are not authors but de- sire to promote the interests of literature, have taken a unique step in forming the San Francisco Guild of Letters. It is primarily a business organization for the purpose of en- couraging letters in general and especially of promoting the sale of California publications. It even proposes in some cases to secure the issue of books by Californian writers. In fact it already has done this in the case of Miss Ida D. Coolbrith's poems, and has been just- ified by the success of the venture.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Boston.
THE IMPERIAL CHRIST. By John P. Coyle, D. D. pp. 249. \$1.50.
SISTER JANE. By Joel Chandler Harris. pp. 363. \$1.50.
NINE LOVE SONGS AND A CAROL. By Kate Douglas Wiggin. \$1.25.
WHITMAN. A STUDY. By John Burroughs. pp. 288. \$1.25.
A GENUINE GIRL. By Jeanie Gould Lincoln. pp. 264. \$1.25.
MORNINGS IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL. By Francis G. Peabody. pp. 228. \$1.25.

H. H. Carter & Co. Boston.
MAC. By Mrs. Mary Johnson. pp. 126. \$1.25.
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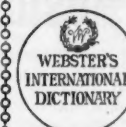
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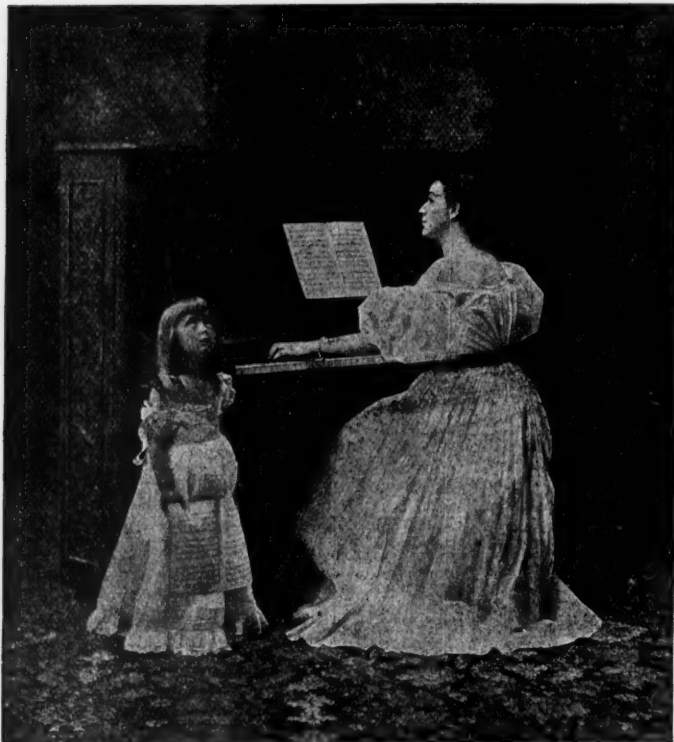
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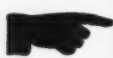
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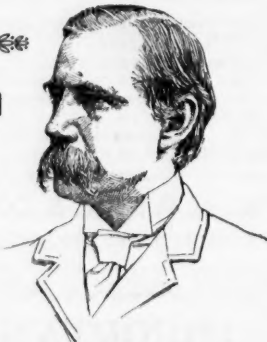
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Manutius was born in 1447 at the hamlet of Bassiano in Italy. At an early age he commenced the study of Latin and Greek, and completed his education at Rome under the celebrated Professors Jasper of Verona and Domizo Calderino. He then became tutor to Alberto Pio, a favorite nephew of the celebrated Pius de Mirandola. At once a strong friendship sprang up between master and pupil which lasted through their lives, the teacher lifting up the soul of Alberto Pio to the same enthusiasm for learning and the advancement of knowledge that was consuming his own.

Aldus believed that the best way to promote the end in view was to multiply the works of the great minds of Greece and Rome which he did by taking advantage of the new art of printing to place them within the reach of the reading world and students. In order that he might do so Alberto Pio and Pius de Mirandola advanced him the necessary money with which to establish a printing house in the city of Venice in the year 1488. Venice was chosen because it was a city of peace, where the student could pursue his studies without the alarms of war with which the other cities of Italy were at the time disturbed; then again it was in direct communication, through its commerce, with all parts of the civilized world, hence offered greater facilities for obtaining manuscripts and the materials necessary with which to make the books. It was 1494, however, before Aldus actually published a book.

The restless energy of the man is manifested in almost every book that he published. There is always an advance in some direction, either in scholarship, artistic beauty or mechanical excellency. Such was the introduction in the year 1501 of italic types, which he had designed and engraved by Francesco Francia of Bologna, who was said to have received the suggestion of their form from the handwriting of Petrarch. This type was first used in an octavo edition of the Virgil, which is now extremely rare. In the month of April, 1515, the great scholar printer closed his useful and laborious career, having issued 123 different books in Greek, Latin and Italian, many of them the first printed editions of Greek and Roman authors.

This biographical summary will enable the reader to understand the illustration on our front page, which is a scene in the printing office of Aldus at Venice and is supposed to have taken place on the 22d day of August in the year 1502, when the printer exhibited to the Doge Leonardo Loredan the first pages of the octavo edition of *Le Terze Rime de Dante*.

The artist, Frederick Wilson, imagines that upon that occasion there were present the artist, Francesco Francia, who designed and engraved the type, Bembo, who edited the work, and Alberto Pio, whose money enabled Aldus to issue this, the first popular edition of Italy's great poet.

It is quite evident that Mr. Wilson has carefully studied every detail of the picture, as it is plainly to be seen that all the personages represented have been drawn from portraits, while the details of costumes, architecture, etc., are absolutely correct. Even the printer's devil has not been forgotten, for here he is picking from the floor all stray sheets, while gazing with envious eyes upon a well-dressed patrician boy, who is holding the hand of the wife of the Doge Leonardo Loredan.

Fellow-Craftsmen in Literature.

That comradeship and generous regard for one another which so often characterizes men of the literary vocation has recently been delightfully illustrated in the season of fellowship which three well-known and popular writers have enjoyed at Northampton in this State. Long before Mr. Barrie attained his present fame, when he was only an ordinary newspaper man in an English provincial city, he fell in with some of Mr. Cable's stories. They at once pleased and fascinated him and the clever delineator of Creole life in due time received an intimation of the admiration of his far-away reader. This autumn when Mr.

At any rate, Mr. Barrie was frank enough to say that he would not mind staying in Northampton all the time scheduled for his American visit "if it wouldn't seem so ridiculous." Before he left he planted a tree, which will always bear his name. This is the way in which Mr. Cable secures a constant reminder of some of the persons who tarry under his roof. The picture on this page shows Mr. Cable in the center, Mr. Barrie on his right and Dr. Nicoll on his left. The group was photographed when standing in front of Mr. Cable's house.



MERRIS, BARRIE, CABLE AND NICOLL.

Cable learned that Mr. Barrie was coming to this country an invitation was quickly dispatched which greeted the Scotch novelist and his fellow-traveler, Dr. Robertson Nicoll, on their arrival in New York. In his reply Mr. Barrie expressed his gratification that his first letter written on this side the water should go to one whom he had so long desired to meet. As soon as they could detach themselves from the round of entertainments prepared for them in New York, Mr. and Mrs. Barrie found their way to Northampton accompanied by Dr. Nicoll, and sojourned for several days in Mr. Cable's hospitable home, which bears the alluring title, Tarry-Awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Cable were considerate enough to share the pleasure arising from the presence of such guests with the citizens of Northampton, and though Mr. Barrie is not inordinately fond of what is known as society, he submitted to a reasonable amount of mild and informal lionizing. He was persuaded to address the students of Smith College and, judging from his speech at the Aldine Club dinner in New York just before sailing home, Nov. 7, the 900 maidens who constitute the Smith community seem to have made an impression upon him hardly second to that produced on them by his irresistible charm of manner and his confidential disclosures of the drift of his feeling. Dr. Nicoll too was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were privileged to hear him talk so modestly, but withal so illuminatingly, on themes with which he has greater familiarity than almost any living man.

The intimacy at once established between Mr. Cable and Mr. Barrie was peculiar in this—that neither sought to draw the other out professionally. Mr. Cable declares that he never once asked his guest his opinion on any subject whatever. The two simply enjoyed one another in an effortless fashion. No doubt they both consider periods of silence as useful in cementing friendship as periods of talk.

and Rev. George Lindsay scribe. The reports from the churches and that of the home missionary superintendent showed spiritual growth and hopefulness in some fields, but discouraging hindrances in others. These are great and abundant, but neither dismay nor stop the workers.

At noon the delegates took electric cars across the city, three miles, to the Lynne Church, where they were served with a collation and held the afternoon and evening sessions with larger attendance and deepening interest. The denominational societies were reported and their work reviewed, Congregational educational work in the State being vigorously discussed. Rev. C. T. Brown preached in the evening. The two ministers of the Christian churches of Utah were present as guests, which led to the unanimous adoption of resolutions commenting upon the fellowship of the Christian and Congregational churches, and inviting Christian ministers and churches to affiliate so far with our association as they may wish, and at least to attend and share in meetings by pastors and delegates.

On Wednesday Rev. George Ritchie read a paper on Our Attitude towards Mormonism, and Rev. J. D. Nutting on Our Attitude towards Christian Science, both able efforts and full of interest. The Women's Missionary Union occupied the time in the afternoon with reports and addresses. Of their auxiliaries the Chinese mission school of Salt Lake reported larger gifts for mission purposes than all the others together. How to Interest the Children in Missionary Matters was interestingly discussed. At the closing session Rev. W. S. Hunt gave an eloquent address on Christian Socialism, giving an optimistic view of progress during the last fifty years. If the Congregational pastors of Utah are few they are choice and able, as this association meeting clearly showed. The next meeting is to be with Plymouth Church, Salt Lake.

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THE UTAH ASSOCIATION.

The seventh annual meeting was held with the First and Lynne Churches, Ogden, Nov. 9-11. At the outset the unusual occurrence for Utah was a rainstorm of twenty-four hours' duration, which, after a few hours' sunshine on Tuesday, turned into snow and sleet. Owing to the storm the attendance at the first meetings was small, but the exercises were interesting. At the opening session Rev. George Lindsay, the new pastor of Phillips Church, Salt Lake City, preached the annual sermon on *Laborers Together with God*. The Lord's Supper followed. Rev. W. S. Hunt was moderator

News from the Churches

Meetings to Come.

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PASSING COMMENT ON THIS WEEK'S NEWS.

Thanksgiving was observed among many churches according to old-time custom, with no lessening of fervor and sincerity. Union services seem to have been the rule, as usual. Many communities lengthened their long line of yearly gatherings, others added to their occasional recognitions of the harvest bounties, while many churches and communities passed this special day without marked public acknowledgment of another year's blessing. Which of these three classes would be chosen as most truly filled with the spirit of the day?

"It might be repeated in every town in the Union," writes our correspondent of the popular course of entertainments in a southeastern Massachusetts town. We wonder whether every pastor would encourage the patience of the purchasers of tickets as heroically.

The innate power of a trained and consecrated membership shines out in the history of the church at Percival, Io., which has existed for thirty-five years without a house of worship and, for the most part, with no settled pastor.

The evangelistic campaign has opened. From all directions come tidings of special meetings, union services, etc. Preparations

seem to be unusually practical and business-like, yet full of aspiration for a spiritual harvest. We note an increasing tendency to employ regular pastors in this work and to arrange for a longer series of meetings.

DISCUSSION RESULTS IN UNION.

The Northern New Jersey Conference held its autumnal meeting with the First Church, Montclair. The reports of work were hopeful. The Christian Problem in New Jersey was the predominant subject. Rev. Dr. J. L. Scudder sketched graphically the new, great city which is coming into being between the Hudson and the Orange Mountains, a city of which Jersey City and Newark are chief parts and which is soon to have 1,000,000 inhabitants. Dr. F. W. Baldwin laid stress upon the need of cooperation of the churches outside their respective parishes, and advocated an organization for doing such work that should be constituted of churches rather than of individuals. Dr. H. A. Stimson from across the Hudson told of similar work elsewhere. He quite converted the conference to the "Western method." As a result of the day's exercises "The Congregational Union of New Jersey" was formed, with Dr. A. H. Bradford as president, Rev. Howard S. Bliss as secretary and a number—prospectively all—of the churches of the conference as members. The object of the new union is to be the medium of doing both rural church extension and city mission work, and to bring to these two causes a permanent and partially pledged constituency and reliable support. Its keynote is not to be denominational glorification, but denominational responsibility. The conference adjourned to meet in the spring with the church at Bound Brook.

RENOVATIONS IN AN ILLINOIS CHURCH.

Quincy has one of the most beautiful edifices used for church purposes west of the Alleghanies. For weeks artisans have been engaged in the work of improvement. The exterior has been newly painted, a slate roof has been provided, and an addition, two stories in height, 18 x 40 feet, has been constructed. All appointments have been modernized and the interior has been frescoed and painted by the Tiffany Company, New York. Scriptural selections have been placed on the walls. The great rosette window has been reset and new borders added to nine of the other 10 windows, one of which is a memorial to Mr. Thomas White, long an honored member, and is a duplicate of a window in New York city which cost \$5,000. It is furnished by the children of Mr. White. New carpets have been laid and the pews cleaned. With the exception of the memorial window the cost of these improvements, which is not made public, has been met by Mr. Lorenzo Bull, the "grand old man" of the parish. The church and society have provided for the cost of the Sunday school and social rooms, which are a model both in beauty and convenience. For 13 years Dr. S. H. Dana has been pastor. Under his ministrations the church has steadily grown in numbers and influence, till now it has 450 members and 400 S. S. scholars. The library contains 600 volumes. Though richly furnished the church has always been, and still is, "a people's church." It is due to this fact that its success has been so pronounced. It has also been noted for its social life.

GOLDEN GATE WAIFS HAVE AN OUTING.

Under the auspices of the San Francisco Chronicle and "personally conducted" by Rev. L. L. Wirt, the "children's missionary" of the S. S. Society, about 600 little waifs were recently given a treat the memory of which will brighten their whole lives. Big and little, stout and thin, fair-faced Swedes, bronzed Italians and bright-haired children of the Emerald Isle fraternized in high good humor. Only two per cent. of them had ever left the city before, and they cheered everything, from McKinley to the cow peacefully grazing by the roadside. After an exciting train ride the party was divided, the several detachments being dropped at way stations and thence conveyed in hay wagons to their respective destinations. Martinez, Concord, Clayton, Vine Hill, Alhambra Valley, Rumrill Ranch were centers of entertainment. The youngsters were turned loose, with the privilege of picking all the fruit and flowers they desired—a boundless opportunity in this prolific country. A generous dinner, a straw ride through blushing vineyards and silvery olive groves, and a band concert, were among the delights of this never to be forgotten day. It was a picturesque company that returned at sunset, laden with nuts, grapes and other fruit, enough to last their families a week, and decorated with brilliant flowers—the fullest, dustiest, tidiest, happiest children in town.

WASHINGTON PARK CHURCH, CHICAGO.

This church has passed the experimental stage. For five years it has been under the care of the City Missionary Society. Last summer it secured lots 75 by 161 feet on Michigan Avenue, near Washington Park, in the center of a parish a mile square. The site is one of the finest in the city for a commanding church. The people are largely well-to-do, but their spiritual needs are great. Early in January Prof. W. D. Mackenzie assumed the pastoral care of the field, and during his absence of three months Mr. A. M. Ingraham, a recent graduate of the seminary, had charge. Professor Mackenzie resumed the work last September. With him is associated Professor Curtiss, who has done much pastoral visitation and secured funds for the lots and building. Three students have also aided. The congregation now meets in a store, but as a result of a generous loan of \$1,000 from a Scotchman, who was a former parishioner of Professor Mackenzie at Montrose, the first story of the edifice will be built of stone, 75 by 65 feet in size. The estimated cost without seating and furnishing will be about \$10,000. The work is under way and it is hoped the building will be ready in February. There were eleven accessions at the last communion and within a month 28 new members were received. Drs. J. G. Johnson, H. M. Scott, F. W. Gunsaulus, F. A. Noble and E. P. Goodwin have spoken warmly in behalf of this field.

HOW LIVING STONES BUILT UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE.

The theory that a church cannot long exist without a house of worship finds no confirmation at Percival, Io. The organization is 35 years old, but has only just completed and dedicated its first edifice. Usually a church dies without pastoral care, but this one has had a resident minister for only a small part of the time, and half the time none at all. The two causes of its unusual vitality are the character of the few Congregational families that have lived in this community from the beginning, and the fact that more than 80 of the young people have been students at Tabor College.

The church has now 79 resident members and is supplied by Rev. F. W. Long of Omaha, who was ordained Nov. 16 and will soon become resident pastor. The cost of the building was about \$2,300. Of this amount a little over \$600 were raised at the consecration service, and the edifice was dedicated Nov. 15 free of debt, without aid from the C. C. B. S.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Bangor.

Prof. C. A. Beckwith read his paper upon The Christ We Preach before the middle class in theology recently.—Prof. J. S. Sewall gave an address before the Methodist Ministerial Institute, held at Orono, his subject being The Christian Orator.

Yale.

Sermons of Brooks, Guthrie and Robert Hall were reviewed before the Seniors last week. The class preacher was Mr. Stelle.—Mr. A. E. Johnson, Senior Class, supplies regularly at Oxford.—Thanksgiving evening a pleasant social was held in the Lowell Mason Room under the direction of the ladies of the faculty.—The Biblical Club has elected W. H. Salmon president and J. S. Rogers secretary.

Chicago.

All exercises were suspended last week Friday, so that the students might attend the Inter-Seminary Alliance at the university.—Over 20 students are in charge of neighboring churches, mostly in the city.—The 13th regular session of the Society of Biblical Research was held recently, with papers on The New Israel Tablet, by Prof. J. H. Breasted of the university; Hebrew Proper Names, by Prof. A. T. Clay of the Lutheran Seminary; Jewish Communist Ideals, by Rev. Dr. T. C. Hall; and a Note on Matt. 28: 19, by Prof. H. M. Scott. A general discussion followed and then a dinner.—Professor Mackenzie is invited to give a course of lectures on foreign missions at Beloit next spring.—An elective class in the social condition and movement of labor, besides its inductive literary studies, holds interviews with representatives of labor unions and the employing classes.—A hundred students attending the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance visited Chicago Commons and Hull House in a body.—Last Friday evening the post-graduates gave a reception to the faculty and their friends.

Oberlin.

Thanksgiving Day was observed, as usual, by a social occasion at Council Hall. Numerous guests were invited and the parlors were tastefully decorated. After an informal reception, supper was served. Dr. Brand, honored at home as elsewhere, spoke hopefully of The Signs of the Times, and

Professor Kelsey and Mrs. Johnston of the college responded to toasts.—Prof. A. T. Swing is conducting a seminar upon Modern German Theology and the trend of religious thought in that country. The class numbers six and these are now in preparation.—Dr. A. P. Foster gave an address Nov. 17 on The Various S. S. Missionary Organizations of the United States.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

D. C.—The annual session of the Washington Conference was held Nov. 17 with People's Church. Every church belonging to this body was represented. The subject, The Workers Outfit, was ably discussed under the sub-heads, For deacons, for trustees, for Sunday school superintendents, for teachers and for C. E. workers. Other papers were: What Characterizes an Ideal Choir? Congregationalism—Its Beginnings, Its Principle, and What It Has Done for Education. Dr. S. M. Newman gave the annual address. The evening was occupied with a song service and short addresses.

LA.—The eighth annual meeting of West Central Louisiana Association was held at the Langstraw Church, near Ruston, Nov. 5-8. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. N. Funk. The following topics were helpfully discussed: The Financial Duty of the Church to the Minister, Qualifications for the Ministry, The Minister and the Word, The Minister and the Community. There was also an instructive address on Congregationalism.

CLUBS.

MINN.—The Minnesota Club held its November meeting at Stillwater as the guests of Hon. Henry Wolfer, warden of the State Prison. Nearly two hours were given to visiting the prison, after which dinner was served. The literary exercises consisted of unusually strong addresses by Chaplain J. H. Albert on The Present Status of Prison Reform and Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D., on The Relation of Crime to Economics. Warden Wolfer spoke interestingly on The Management of the State Prison. The meeting was large and one of the best of the club.

NEW ENGLAND.

Boston.

Rev. A. W. Hitchcock was the speaker at the Ministers' Meeting, Monday, his theme being Moral Purpose and Literary Art in the Modern Drama.

DORCHESTER.—Second. Dr. Little preached last Sunday at the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, his own pulpit being supplied by Rev. Thomas Clayton.

Massachusetts.

NEWTON.—Elliot. The average benevolent offering for the past three Sundays has exceeded \$1,300. Last week Sunday's gift to the Newton hospital was \$2,019. Dr. G. A. Gordon and the pastor, Dr. W. H. Davis, exchanged pulpits Nov. 22.

LOWELL.—Kirk Street meeting house, which has been recently renovated and received presents of a memorial organ and a new pulpit, has now received a handsome stained glass window for the main façade, the gift of Dea. A. G. Cunnock. The new pastor, Rev. W. A. Bartlett, was installed last Monday evening, his father, ex-President Bartlett of Dartmouth College, preaching the sermon.

HAVERTHILL.—West recently took a collection for the Jubilee Fund of the A. M. A. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Lowell, made an appeal for \$50 and his people responded with \$65. The pastor acknowledges the gift of a typewriter as a birthday present from his friends.

MIDDLEBORO.—Central. The popularity of the citizens' course of entertainments, organized by the pastor, Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, and given every year in the Town Hall, was attested anew Nov. 23. Forty people were in line at eight o'clock that evening waiting for the sale of tickets the next morning. The pastor was around at 1 A. M. distributing buns and hot coffee. This is the third season. Six of the best entertainments and a reserved seat are given for \$1.00. The money is used for expenses only.

WORCESTER.—The City Missionary Society held its annual public meeting in Mechanics Hall Nov. 22. Most of the churches gave up their evening service to attend. The superintendent, Dr. Eldridge Mix, gave the report of the year and a survey of the field. Dr. Elijah Horr spoke on The Church and the City. He stated that the society did its splendid work for about \$5,000 a year. Dr. Archibald McCullagh spoke on Our Common Field, and Dr. A. Z. Conrad on Pentecostal Power Ours. The society employs, besides a superintendent, five lady visitors, and has aided four of the smaller churches the past year.—Church of the Covenant. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Hurlbut, gave a rousing no license sermon Nov. 22.—Old South. All the South End

churches of several denominations united for a Thanksgiving service, Dr. Alexander Lewis of Pilgrim Church preaching the sermon.—Plymouth. Most of the churches in the center and North End united in the Thanksgiving service with this church. The theme was The Nation's Safeguards. Dr. McCullagh and Dr. Gunnison of the First Universalist Church spoke.—The Ministerial League was recently organized to include all ministers in Worcester and vicinity. Nearly all except the Catholics have signified their intention of joining. Its object is to discuss questions of civic righteousness and State and municipal government and matters of common interest in religion and its influence in the community.

SPENCER.—First has just sustained a great loss in the death of Deacon J. L. Bush, Nov. 23. He had served as deacon since 1867, the last few years as honorary deacon. He was well known for his liberality toward missions.

PALMER.—Second. The pastor, Rev. F. E. Jenkins, has been working specially in the cause of temperance as constable. His strenuous efforts and those of the other ministers have resulted in the conviction of a large number of rum-sellers. The Men's Sunday Evening Club services have been attended better this fall than ever. The club is flourishing and is greatly appreciated. The 50th anniversary of this church occurs next April.

SPRINGFIELD.—First. The union service of Congregational churches was held with this church Thanksgiving morning, with preaching by Rev. H. C. Meserve of Faith Church. Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, the pastor, has been quite ill, but is slowly recovering. Rev. Dr. Robbins, who has just moved to this city from Philadelphia, is substituting.—The churches are conducting an active campaign for no license. Representatives of all the Protestant churches are united in a central temperance board. Three pastors—a Methodist, a Baptist and a Presbyterian—from the board are managing the movement. Last Sunday a number of churches devoted the entire day to no license. Sermons in the morning and addresses by laymen in the evening constituted the programs.—South. Dr. P. B. Moxom's sermon last Sunday morning, A Sermon to the Churchless, was the same which he recently delivered at Indianapolis before the Liberal Congress of Religion, an organization composed of representatives of the various religions of the world.

AMHERST.—College. The council called to dismiss Dr. J. E. Tuttle, who has begun work in Worcester, put on record its appreciation of his services as college pastor. The church also passed eulogistic resolutions and a farewell reception was given by President Gates.

Maine.

PORTLAND.—Thanksgiving union services were held in three sections of the city in place of the one central meeting as in former years.—The local C. E. Union continued its annual happy custom of holding a seven o'clock morning prayer meeting.—High Street. Rev. W. H. Fenn, D. D., has remodeled and beautifully decorated his residence.

WEST BETHEL.—The Chapel Aid Society has bought a lot and a liberal resident will erect a union meeting house upon it and present it to the society. Another generous friend has promised a good bell placed in position when the building is ready.

BANGOR.—Central was opened the afternoon of Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving contributions for the sick and needy.—An interesting union service was held in the Columbia Street Baptist Church on Thanksgiving morning.

New Hampshire.

TILTON.—The union revival services led by Rev. M. S. Rees, assisted by Mrs. Rees, have been largely attended and followed by a great awakening of interest. At a meeting for men only on a Sunday afternoon nearly 300 were present, the largest such gathering ever held in town. Cottage prayer meetings were held in various parts of the village. Nearly 30 have already professed a desire to begin the Christian life.

FARMINGTON.—The late Mrs. Ellen F. Eastman left the church \$1,000, the Sunday school and Ladies' Society each \$100 and the public library \$200. As evinced by her legacy she has been a strong friend and helper in church and community.

Vermont.

RUTLAND.—A union C. E. chapel, with a constituency largely Congregational, was dedicated at Mill Village about two miles north of this city Nov. 24. It is designed as a religious center for three districts, especially for the societies of Christian Endeavor and King's Daughters. The usual services of dedication were performed, the sermon being preached by Rev. G. W. Phillips, D. D. A social

and congratulatory hour followed by a consecration service closed the exercises.

Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE.—Central. According to the custom of many years all the Congregational churches of the city unite here in a service on Thanksgiving Day. This church gave expression on a Sunday evening to its thanksgiving spirit in a harvest home service. An historical address on the New England Thanksgiving was given by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Moore, and classical music was rendered by the choir. A display of the harvest offerings was artistically arranged in their large auditorium and the contributions were later distributed to needy families.

Connecticut.

NEW HAVEN.—At the union Thanksgiving service in Center Church the sermon was preached by Dr. W. W. McLane of Plymouth Church.—United. The annual collection for the American Board amounted to \$500.—Howard Avenue. The illustrated sermons on Pilgrim's Progress by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Mutch, are proving popular. Large congregations fill the house at every service. The hymns used are illustrative of the subject.

BURLINGTON recently received 10 persons to membership, most of them on confession. Much interest is shown in the work. Rooms for the Sunday school and Endeavor Society are soon to be added to the house. A lecture course is proving helpful. Rev. F. A. Holden is pastor.

MIDDLE STATES.

New York.

MILLVILLE.—The church has suffered severely because of the disgrace brought on it by its pastor, Rev. H. C. Keeley. Some months ago, without the knowledge of his wife, he suddenly left the village at the same time with a young woman belonging to the church. After about two weeks' absence she returned home and confessed that she had traveled with the minister as his wife. The church has withdrawn fellowship from him. The Presbytery of Indiana, of which he was a member, has deposed him from the ministry. It has been reported that he has been preaching in a church near Boston under an assumed name, and also that he has committed suicide. Probably neither report is correct.

New Jersey.

VINELAND.—Nearly a year ago the pastor, Rev. C. F. Wood, announced his intention of leaving the church at some time in the near future. In the June following, at the annual meeting, he was by vote of the church requested to remain another year, though the way was left open for him to terminate the pastoral relation before the end of the year if he wished. This he has elected to do, and his pastorate of four years and a half will close with the present calendar year.

The Scandinavian Church in Perth Amboy has recently rededicated its house, which has been improved and rebuilt.

THE INTERIOR.

Michigan.

DETROIT.—First. Dr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Boynton were recently tendered a hearty reception in the church parlors. The pastors and deacons of the other Congregational churches with their wives were nearly all present, making a company of 500 persons. A Thanksgiving service was held in the church Thursday morning, in which all the sister churches joined. The nine Congregational pastors of the city were present and took part. The large house was well filled with a thankful people.—People's held Thanksgiving service at the Opera House Sunday evening. Large quantities of provisions were brought to be distributed among the poor. The rabbi of the city gave an address.

LAKE LINDEN has organized a Men's Sunday Afternoon Club. It is pledged to assist the church in every possible way.

Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE.—Plymouth raised the essential part of its deficit for the year of \$1,600 in 10 minutes at the close of the morning service Nov. 22. Among the attractions offered by the Sunday Evening Club for the evening service is a series of addresses by able representatives of various denominations setting forth the reasons for the faith that is in them. Rabbi Hecht of Temple Emanuel has already spoken. Sunday evening Dec. 6 Professor Tomlins of Chicago will interpret Handel's oratorio, The Messiah.—Pilgrim, Rev. I. L. Cory, pastor, is seriously considering the plan of moving its edifice to a more eligible, because more needy part of the city.

THE WEST.

Minnesota.

WINTHROP.—Work on this large field, comprising one church and several out-stations, is progressing

favorably. Another out-station has been opened where there are several American families, and a good congregation is gathered.

MADISON.—Rev. David Donovan, a former pastor, has begun work here, and has also arranged to supply Marietta, a neighboring point in the country where services have been interrupted for several months.

Work in northern Minnesota is severely cramped by the financial condition of the H. M. S., and the churches of the State are asked to come to the rescue.

South Dakota.

WAKONDA.—Under the wise direction of Rev. J. M. Bates, the work is steadily growing. The influence of the Thomson and Gamble meetings is still manifest in faithful effort and earnest consecration. Since those meetings 16 members have been received and others are ready to come. The church has recently lost three members by death.

PACIFIC COAST.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO.—First. At a large and harmonious meeting Nov. 18 three deacons, whose terms of office had expired, were re-elected. Other officers were also chosen. The church roll now numbers 906. Dr. Adams's pastorate begins auspiciously, and the church looks to the future with renewed hope and courage.

Oregon.

ASTORIA has raised its building, giving room for Sunday school, prayer meeting and social gatherings on the new lower floor. It has also renovated the main audience-room, removed the paper and frescoed the ceiling and walls. Rev. E. S. Bollinger is pastor. The approaching railroad connection gives an impetus to this outermost seaport on the Columbia River.

WEEKLY REGISTER.

Calls.

BREISH, Sam'l R., to remain another year at Dawson, Minn. Accepts.
BURKHOLDER, Clarence M., Clarendon Hills, Ill., to Waukegan, where he has been supplying.
CORRY, H. W., to Kirwin and Kensington, Kan. Accepts.
DIXON, Jas. J. A. T., to remain another year at Atwood, Kan.
DODD, A. R., to College Springs, Io.
DYER, Nathan T., Medfield, Mass., to North Ch., Ashburnham.
EMERSON, Stephen G., Moreno, Cal., to Perris. Accepts.
FENN, Chas. H., pastor's asst., First Ch., Kansas City, Mo., to Leavenworth, Kan. Accepts.
FORSYTHE, J. Frank, Mannsville, N. Y., accepts call to Rutland.
FOWLER, Wm. C., Genesee, Idaho, declines call to Aberdeen, Wn.
HADLOCK, E. A., W. Gardiner, Mass., to Riverdale, R. I.
HELLIER, F. O., Michigan, to Caledonia, Ill. Accepts.
HJETLAND, John H., for a year, to Williston, N. D., where he has been supplying.
HUMPHREY, Wm. B., Chicago Sem., to Melvin, Ill. Accepts.
LINDSAY, Robt. S., Eastwood Ch., Columbus, O., to Geneva, also to Pres. Ch., Fredericktown.
MACAYEAL, Howard S., Plymouth Ch., Omaha, Neb., to U. F. Ch., same city.
MACKINTOSH, Rockiffe, Washington, Ind., to Sawston Camba, Eng.
MILLS, Chas. L., recently of Stockton, Kan., to Clay Center. Accepts.
MOON, Orris B., Oberlin Sem., to York, O. Accepts, with address at Oberlin.
MORRIS, John W., North St. Ch., Middletown, N. Y., to Sidney.
OWEN, Thos. N., Utica, N. Y., not called to Clinton Ave. Ch., Albany.
PRESBYTER, Jos. P., Greenville, Ill., to Warrensburg.
RICHARDSON, David H., Chicago, formerly missionary of American Board in Turkey, to Grand Haven, Mich. Accepts.
ROGERS, Enoch E., Choven, Minn., to Lambertton. Accepts.
SCOTFIELD, Cyrus L., Northfield, Mass., to First Ch., Dallas, for the second time.
SEARLES, Geo. R., Villard, Minn., accepts call to Hancock and Lake Emily.
SNOWDEN, C. L., Harvey, Ill., accepts call to Harlan, Io.
TARSON, C. J., Swedish Ch., Montclair, N. J., to Scandinavian Ch., Woburn, Mass.
TRAVERS, Robt. M., Alma, Neb., to Doniphan, W. Hamilton and N. Hastings. Accepts, with address at Doniphan.
WASHINGTON, Alonzo G., Nevinsville and Good Hope, Io., accepts call to Blencoe.
WILSON, John J., recalled to Wheaton, Ill., after two years at Moody Institute, Chicago. Accepts.
YORK, Fred. E., Reed City, Mich., to South Ch., Grand Rapids. Accepts.
YOUTZ, Horner C. (Meth.), formerly at Quincy Point, Mass., to Middlefield. Accepts.

Ordinations and Installations.

BARTLETT, Wm. A., i. Kirk St. Ch., Lowell, Mass., Nov. 30. Sermon, Rev. S. C. Bartlett, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Drs. C. L. Morgan, J. L. Barton, C. A. Dickinson and Rev. W. D. Leland.
BEAVIS, H. S., rec. p. Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 10. Parts, Rev. Messrs. J. F. Gerrie, John Scholfield, J. W. Pedley and others.
CROSS, Allen E., i. Park Ch., Springfield, Mass., Nov. 18. Sermon, Prof. J. W. Churchill, D. D.; other parts, Prof. J. F. Genung and Rev. Messrs. F. H. Makepeace, R. W. Brokaw, W. V. Davis, D. D.
JONES, Hugh, Yale Sem., o and i. Neath, Pa., Nov. 19. Sermon, Rev. T. C. Edwards, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. D. L. Crafts, Wm. Jones, Dr. Cook.
HARRIS, Robt. N., i. Mt. Carmel, Pa., Nov. 26. Sermon, Rev. J. C. Handy; other parts, Rev. Messrs. Sam'l Lewis, C. A. Mitchell, D. D., I. N. Moorhead, I. N. Royer, Dr. Becker.
HUSSEY, Matthew, o. p. Gas City, Ind., Nov. 21. Sermon, Rev. R. J. Smith; other parts, Rev. Messrs. S. S. Condo, Levi White.
JONES, J. Lincoln, o. p. Carrington, N. D., Nov. 12.
SCOTT, John J., i. Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1. Sermon, Rev. Thos. J. Bell; other parts, Prof. J. H. Palmer and Rev. E. J. Penney.

SJOBERG, C. O., o and i. Scandinavian Ch., Perth Amboy, N. J., Nov. 13. Sermon, Rev. C. C. Collins; other parts, Rev. Messrs. T. C. Miller, A. P. Nelson, Ludwig Akeson.
WATT, J. Craig, o. p. Brandon, Manitoba, Nov. 15. Sermon, Rev. D. H. Jacobs; other parts, Rev. Messrs. Hugh Pedley, H. C. Simmons.
WEIDER, F. E., o. p. Snyder Ave. Ch., Philadelphia, Nov. —.

Resignations.

DODGE, John E., Lake View Ch., Worcester, Mass., to take effect Dec. 31.
DYER, Nathan T., Medfield, Mass.
JONES, John E., Hope, N. D.
LINDSAY, Robt. S., Eastwood Ch., Columbus, O.
MILES, Arthur, Knox St. Ch., Galesburg, Ill.
MILLIKEN, Chas. D., Pilgrim Ch., N. Canaan, Ct.
MYLNE, Geo. W., Freeport, Mich.
SNYDER, Owen M., Homestead, Mich.
WOOD, Chas. F., Vineland, N. J.

Dismissals.

GILLISON, Andrew, St. Albans, Vt., Nov. 24. He will sail for Scotland, Dec. 5.

Churches Organized.

DENMARK, N. Y., org. and rec. 27 Nov., 11 members.
GAS CITY, Ind., 21 Nov., 29 members.
PHILADELPHIA, Snyder Avenue, rec. — Nov., 60 members.
WATERFORD, Vt., 6 Nov., 24 members.

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CABINET APPOINTMENTS.—It is an easily demonstrable fact that nearly every house has in it the materials for filling a parlor cabinet, and if this fact was once fully realized there would not be any lack of purchasers at the special sale of parlor cabinets at reduced prices at Paine's, 48 Canal Street, Boston, this week. It is the chance of a lifetime to secure a cabinet and thus add a beautiful new attraction to the house. Just collect together your curios and bits of china or silver and see how beautiful a picture they will make in a group.

FOR irritation of the throat caused by cold or use of the voice "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" are exceedingly beneficial.

FRIENDS of better Sunday school and missionary effort should know that twenty-five more young men and women should enter the Normal School for Christian Workers, Springfield, Mass., Jan. 5, 1897.

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Since the sound money victory confidence has visibly, and in all directions, increased, so that the millions in hoard are pouring forth from their hiding places in search of employment. A peculiar feature of the monetary situation is that the most eager lenders now had nothing to loan before election at any rate of interest. Just now we are rather between seasons, although there is more doing at this moment than for some time past. Storekeepers are looking for an active holiday trade.

In the staple lines of trade there is no actual boom, but a moderate business doing. Dry-goods, clothing, millinery, shoes, leather and hardware are in good jobbing demand. The jobber is anticipating the demand of the retailer, and when the latter appears in full force as a buyer, as he is sure to do sooner or later, the "hum of industry" will be much louder than at present. It is calculated that since Nov. 6 over 30,000 men have been given employment in various industrial lines.

Iron and steel continue in fairly active demand, and prices are quoted very firm. Prices in some instances have been advanced, and the manufacturers are looking forward to a good, brisk demand. Wheat continues to show great strength.

Marriages.

The charge for marriage notices is twenty-five cents.

CLARK-MCINTOSH—At Longmont, Col., Nov. 18, by Rev. Henry E. Thayer, Rev. Chester M. Clark of Marquette, Ill., and Kate McIntosh of Longmont.

DAVIS-TINKER—In White River Junction, Vt., Nov. 17, Rev. O. S. Davis, pastor of Congregational church, Springfield, Vt., and Grace E. Tinker of White River Junction.

SMITH-McEWEN—In Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 26, Charles Porter Smith, son of H. Porter Smith of Cambridge, Mass., and Jessie Bell McEwen of Pittsburg, Rev. Messrs. W. A. Stanton and De Witt Benham officiating.

WARREN-CRAM—In Hampton Falls, N. H., Nov. 26, by Rev. William A. Cram, Rev. Edgar L. Warren, pastor of the Congregational church at Westbury, N. H., and Edith Gilbert, daughter of the late John S. Cram, Esq., of Hampton Falls.

Deaths.

The charge for notices of deaths is twenty-five cents. Each additional line ten cents, counting eight words to a line. The money should be sent with the notice.

CRANE—In Boston, Nov. 23, Rev. Oliver Crane, D. D., LL. D., a graduate of Yale. He served nine years in Turkey in the service of the American Board. He was a prominent member of the American Oriental Society.

GRUSH—In Sanborn, N. Y., Nov. 8, Rev. J. W. Grush, for thirty-two years a pastor of Congregational churches in western New York. He graduated at Williams College in 1855, and from Hartford Seminary in 1864.

HOLBROOK—In San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 20, Mrs. Ann L. Holbrook, wife of Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D. D., aged 74 yrs.

REV. JAMES W. GRUSH.

Died in Sanborn, N. Y., Sabbath morning, Nov. 8, after a prolonged illness of two and a half years of paralysis, borne with patient resignation. Rev. James Winchel Grush. He was born in Roxbury, Mass., April 12, 1831; graduated from Williams College 1855, and from Hartford Theological Seminary 1864. His uninterrupted ministerial labors of thirty-two years were passed in northern and western New York. He was registrar of the Ontario Association from 1879 to 1885, and of the Wyoming Association from 1885 to 1893, thus being not only a faithful pastor but also a beloved servant of many pastors and their churches. His funeral was largely attended from the Congregational church of Cambria, Nov. 10.

Aug. 11, 1859, he married Jane Elizabeth Ellsworth of East Windsor, Ct., who with three daughters—Mrs. Elizabeth Allen Trechlar, Mrs. Jane Ellsworth Lenthil and Mrs. Mary Emily Cadwell—survive him. The oldest and youngest daughters live in Grand Forks, N. D., and the second in Jefferson, O. His home was radiant with Christian love. His ministry was strong, yet tender, progressive and wise.

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Tuesday noon of this week the American Board received a cablegram from Mr. Peet, its agent in Constantinople, saying that the \$1,000 cabled last week was sent to Bitlis, where 2,000 orphans are wandering in the street, begging for food and clothing. The missionaries entreat that every possible influence be used in the United States to secure means to care for these unfortunates.

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We learn, too, that high position, great resources are not essential to the wielding of a large and permanent influence. Undoubtedly Solomon did a vast deal of good. He was a mighty instrument in the hands of Providence for building up the children of Israel. He provided them with a temple worthy of their traditions. He extended their commerce. He brought the Jewish people into contact with the nations of the earth, and so broadened and liberalized them, at the same time bringing the worth of the Israelitish religion to the notice of foreigners. But fully acknowledging all that he accomplished, and looking with charity upon his later wanderings from the straight path, we must confess that he does not grip our hearts or stir them to admiration of him as does his father, David, as do other Bible worthies before and after him. The man is somehow obscured by his glittering trappings. Something else is needed to enroll a man on the list of those whom we would fain follow and imitate than a large bank account or a reputation as a warrior, builder or writer. The world sifts men until only the kernels of character remain. Much of the noblest work for mankind through all the centuries has been wrought by men who were poor and unfortunate and, while they lived, unpopular. All depends on the quality of the man. If he be a good man, a Christ man, whether poor or rich, he will make the world respect his manhood and feel his influence.

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THE NEW TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN IN CANADA.

BY REV. J. R. BLACK.

The Dominion of Canada is not a stranger to temperance agitation. It began some sixty years ago and has been continued at intervals ever since. But the agitation hitherto has been sectional. Under what is known as the Dunkin and Scott Acts campaigns the movement was within municipal limits, as was the nature of these laws. By taking up each city and county, however, and securing a place for the local prohibitory act in the legal machinery of the district, several Provinces were almost wholly covered by prohibition from 1880 to 1887. Yet the local prohibitory movement never included all the Provinces in its sweep. Quebec and Manitoba, for the most part, remained outside of it. The very partialness of these prohibitory activities was a weakness. The liquor traffickers, entrenched in areas here and there in the country, could, and did, make successful forays into the territories captured by the prohibitionists. And, while their raids were limited in their destructiveness, they yet discredited the law in the eyes of the lukewarm electors, and gradually the places where the temperance measure had been adopted abandoned it, and liquorism resumed sway.

It was thus seen that prohibition, to be successful, must extend over a larger area from the outset than a municipality. It must embrace at least a Province, and, better still, the entire Dominion.

The politicians—provincial and Federal—were approached on this point and requested to give a prohibitory law coextensive with the limits of their legislative jurisdictions. But this the politicians refused to do without a mandate from the people. They said, we will make arrangements for taking a vote of the electors on the subject. We will ask them to say "yea" or "nay" on the question of prohibition, and if the majority are favorable and it is constitutional we shall enact a law in accordance with their expressed wishes. To this policy the temperance people assented in the meantime, and rolled up magnificent majorities for prohibition in Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the only provinces where the question has been brought to a direct issue at the polls. And on the accession to power, in July last of the set of politicians who, in Dominion affairs, promised the people an opportunity to vote on this question, the temperance people urged the fulfillment of their ante-election pledge. This was at once agreed to by Mr. Laurier, the premier, and his associates in the new government, and in a few months the vote is expected to be taken in all the Provinces from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans.

That which accentuates the prohibition movement, as a Dominion one, just now, is a recent deliverance of the Privy Council—the highest legal tribunal of the British empire. The government of the Province of Ontario, more than a year ago, brought a case before this council in order to obtain its views as to the powers of the Province in relation to the prohibition of the liquor traffic. By this decision it is known that each Province has the constitutional right to regulate the liquor traffic within its bounds, and can also prohibit it by municipalities, but that the power to prohibit in all Canada is vested by the constitution in the Federal Parliament.

The preparations which are now being made for this plebiscite are on a scale commensurate with the large territory it is to cover and the tremendous interests involved. Churches, temperance organizations, Christian Endeavor Societies, women's Christian temperance and Sunday school unions and the newspaper press are busily engaged in enlightening the electorate on the question at issue.

And while the attention of prohibitionists

is directed to the Dominion movement they are also determined to work the provincial power for all it is worth in securing their end. The local governments in several provinces are being pressed to enact laws further limiting the places for the sale of intoxicants, and the electors are requested to make the most out of the local option privilege.

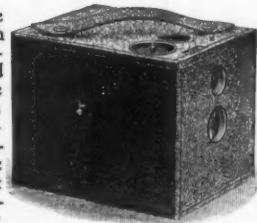
There can be no reasonable doubt of the result of the coming vote. It will be overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition. The temperance sentiment, in all sections of this Dominion, has been a growing factor for the past half-century. The delay on the part of Quebec, New Brunswick and the northwest territories to take a plebiscite, as in the other sister provinces, was not owing to lack of interest in it but because of local conditions which rendered such a vote peculiarly difficult, or made it seemingly needless. Our consumption of liquor is less per capita than that of the United States of America, Great Britain and the continental European countries. Yet our present drink bill is too large for our good, for we expend \$40,000,000 directly in the purchase of intoxicating drinks for beverage purposes. And when we add to this the waste of material in the making, the time losses of men to industry occasioned by its use and the expense in police service and court and prison maintenance the traffic necessitates, we may safely estimate our annual loss by this business at not less than \$140,000,000.

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THE KANSAS COLLEGE QUESTION.

BY PRES. GEORGE M. HERRICK, WASHBURN COLLEGE, TOPEKA.

Inasmuch as my name was mentioned in an article in *The Congregationalist*, Nov. 12, referring to the educational conditions in Kansas, a word of explanation seems wise. In May, 1895, while Western secretary of the Education Society, I visited Wichita, and, having looked over the field, wrote a personal and unofficial letter to the secretary of the society, in which were the sentences quoted by your correspondent. A due regard for fairness, however, would have led him to quote other portions of the same letter in close connection with these, in which I stated that I was not converted to the idea of a second college and suggested that we await the leading of Providence. The letter as a whole cannot be fairly construed as an indorsement or a recommendation of a second college.

In July, 1895, the society passed the following vote, which, though probably not influenced by this letter, was yet in thorough accord with its general spirit:

Voted, That the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated to Fairmount Institute for the coming year. This vote is not to be understood as establishing a new college in the State of Kansas without the approval of the State Association, and the continuance of this aid will depend upon the action of the said association as determining the rank of the institution.

Language could not be plainer. If the subsequent action of the society had been in accordance with this vote, no criticism could have been made. But their action in recognizing Fairmount as a college before the State Association had sanctioned it was in direct contradiction to their vote as given above. Your correspondent is in serious error in his attempt to show that Fairmount has the sanction of the State Association. At its meeting in May last, it heard the report of a committee appointed the previous year to report upon Fairmount Institute. The official record of the meeting does not show a report from Fairmount College. Moreover, at that meeting committees were appointed to report in 1897 for Washburn, Stockton and Eureka. None was appointed for Fairmount. This does not look like a strong indorsement!

What the State Association may do in the future is not my province to discuss. The fact is that the Education Society, in direct contradiction to its own vote of the preceding year and without the approval of the State Association, recognized the institution as a college. Washburn has no quarrel with the society nor with Fairmount. She stands today, as she has stood for thirty-one successful years, as the one recognized Congregational college in Kansas, dear to the churches, receiving their benefactions and training their sons and daughters. She enrolls this year the largest number in her history. A Freshman Class of fifty-four, representing all sections of the State, and drawn from a larger number of high schools than ever before, attests her popularity and her growth. If the Education Society and the Eastern givers wish to build up another college in this State, that is their privilege. If the State Association elects to recognize a second college here, to divide the patronage and the gifts of less than 12,000 Congregationalists, that is their privilege; Washburn will try to fulfill her destiny and serve well her generation.

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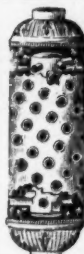
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